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Cowbridge traders dig in for fight against rise in the rates

by PHILIP IRWIN

THE revelation in last week's GEM that businesses in Cowbridge are set to be hit very hard by proposed rates rises next April, has led traders to band together to oppose the plans.

In a spot check last week, it seems that some areas of Cowbridge are facing much bigger rate rises than neighbouring towns.

The increased rates arise from the periodic revaluation of business premises, conducted by representatives of the UK Government, which usually occurs every five years to reflect changes in the property market.

The proposed increase in rateable value across Cowbridge is estimated to be 25 per cent, with values at the Eastgate end of town seeing the highest rise, up by an average of nearly 45 per cent.

Sally Stephenson runs The Pencil Case in Eastgate, and was responsible for spotting what was in the pipeline.

She told The GEM that she was at a loss to explain why Eastgate had been singled out for such a steep rise.

She said: "I really don't think that anything has changed here in Eastgate over the last eight years. We haven't suddenly become more fashionable."

As a result of last week's revelations, there have been a series of meetings.

Traders will be taking to the street this Saturday (October 29) at 8.30am, before shops open, to demand that the Welsh Government should take action and offer help.

Vale MP Alun Cairns came to meet traders last week, and he was keen to highlight differences between Wales and England.

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Dad and sons raise £1,500 for pancreatic cancer research

RIGHT: Simon Farrington (centre) with Joshua (left) and Jack at the half marathon.

A Llanblethian father and his two sons finished the Royal Parks half-marathon hand in hand – as they celebrated raising more than £1,500 for Pancreatic Cancer UK.

Simon Farrington and sons Joshua, 29, and Jack, 26, both former Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils, completed the London challenge in memory of Josh's mother-in-law Sharon Mirek, who died in May from cancer. She was diagnosed the day after Josh married her daughter, Hayley, in America on October 24 last year.

Simon, who along with Jack, runs the Elephant & Bun delicatessen on Cowbridge High Street, said: "My wife, Sheila ,and I have such fond memories of Sharon and her husband, Craig. Both came over from their Rochester home in western New York to stay with us a couple of years ago and loved Cowbridge.

"The wedding was magical; the best four-day bash you can imagine and the Mireks were the perfect hosts to our family and friends who made the long trip for the wedding.

"At a post-wedding brunch, Sharon was taken ill and within hours was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

"She was so vivacious and outgoing and she fought it so bravely with her husband and three daughters, Hayley, Melissa and Taylor, alongside her.

Both Josh and Hayley were with her in Rochester during her final days."

And Hayley, 29, in a bittersweet moment two weeks before her 55-year-old mum passed away, was able to tell her that she is expecting a baby girl, due two weeks into the New Year.

Simon added: "It has been such a difficult year for Josh and Hayley, especially these past few days, as they celebrate their first wedding anniversary and prepare for parenthood. They travelled back and forward to America to spend much time with Sharon, while both settling into new jobs in London, where they now live.

"There has been much fundraising by Sharon's family and friends in America for pancreatic cancer research and we were determined that the British part of the family should do their bit.

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Remembering Aberfan horror

I KNOW that all Vale residents joined me in reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster, which took place last week.

There are not words to describe what happened on October 21, 1966, as 144 people – including, of course, 116 children – lost their lives.

When the pupils attending Pantglas Junior School left their homes that morning, they could never have imagined the catastrophic events that were about to follow.

The photographs taken in the aftermath illustrate the scale of the devastation that occurred, as so many people lost their loved ones. Parents and grandparents lost their children and grandchildren, siblings lost their brothers and sisters and a whole community would never be the same again.

I think not only of those who lost their lives – the children who would not grow up to be adults – but also the survivors, and the brave emergency services and other people who risked their lives to save others.

For those affected by the disaster, the pain will never go away, and my thoughts are with them, as they remember what happened on that day 50 years ago.

Andrew RT Davies,
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, South Wales Central AM.

Stop this foul play

I TEND to agree with Hayley Pearce's view re *Mixed message on dog mess danger (The* GEM October 13).

It is the law for dog owners to clean up after their dogs, but if there are areas from which dogs are banned, then it is absolutely right that those exclusions should be enforced.

Hayley rightly mentioned the serious health aspects of contact with animal faeces. I have listened to many complaints from coaches, parents and players where they are having to remove dog mess from football pitches before the game can even start.

This is a disgraceful state of affairs. I understand that Coun Richard Bertin previously tried to move the debate forward on dog control orders, the result of which was that the Vale cabinet requested a report be produced by council officials about available options. That was more than three years ago.

I believe it is high time to introduce orders to ban dogs from children's playgrounds and sports pitches across the Vale. I have just spoken to the cabinet member and he has assured me that a report is imminent.

It cannot come soon enough as far as I am concerned.

Coun Adam Riley
Independent, Vale Council, Rhoose ward.

Looking for Marie

A GROUP of ex-colleagues are wishing to contact Marie Allen, nee Steele (who was married on July 14, 1951) and served with her in the army – ATS and Royal Engineers – in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany during1946-48.

We would like to communicate with anyone who remembers Marie, of 10 Stallcourt Avenue, Llantwit Major, from that time.

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Autism families are under huge stress

EIGHT years of an ineffective All-Wales Strategic Plan for autism, with worsening services over the past five years, focussed the attention of us all in the autism community on the autism debate at the Sennedd.

So the debate on October 12 was much welcomed as an opportunity to, finally, acknowledge the constant struggle that autism families in Wales face on a daily basis.

I have faced this personally with my autistic son, now 18 and living out of county due to a crisis we had through lack of appropriate support. I have run an autism support group for 13 years, and we have witnessed and supported families through the consequences of dreadful experiences through social services, health, education, CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).

Families are under enormous stress because of untimely and ill-informed services. It can take ages to even get a diagnosis. When my son was diagnosed, we were given no information, and the same is happening now – despite eight years of an autism strategy.

The debate was well-attended and well-argued in favour of an Autism bill and Act, on a par with England and Northern Ireland's legislation. But it was knocked on the head by the Welsh Labour Government, some of whom attended the final few moments of the debate simply to vote against.

The reaction from us in the autism community is dismay, outrage and determination to continue the campaign for acceptance that autism needs its own, specific, legislation. We aren't going away.

Every parent of an autistic child is scared what will happen when they die and their child, young person or adult is left to the lottery of the current system.

We have no confidence that non autism-specific legislation or a refreshed strategy is going to do any better for us and our children, young people and adults with autism.

Jill Grange, Chair,
Bridgend and District branch of the National Autistic Society.

A Welsh Government spokesperson responded: *"We already have both the legislative and policy levers to support people with autism.*

"Our Social Services and Well-being Act came into force in April of this year and puts the individual at the heart of decisions about care and support, and aims to meet those needs.

"We are about to publish our refreshed ASD Strategic Action Plan, following consultation with people with autism and their families, where only two responses mentioned the need for more legislation.

"However the Minister has met with NAS Cymru, who are working with officials to explore whether there are parts of their proposed Bill that cannot already be delivered by these approaches and other initiatives, such as our investment in a National Integrated Autism Service through our Intermediate Care Fund."

'Autism Act struggle continues'

ON Wednesday, October 12, there was a debate in the Senedd on the need for an Autism Act in Wales.

Welsh Conservatives called on the Welsh Labour Government to support the estimated 34,000 people (approx. one per cent of the population) and their families in Wales who live with autism.

Labour, led by Carwyn Jones AM, voted not to provide specific legislation to protect and support those people affected by autism.

It was the only major party not to include an Autism Act in its Welsh manifesto, so it was particularly disappointing to see the Liberal Democrats' only AM, Kirsty Williams, vote with Labour in this debate.

Autism is neither a mental health condition nor a learning difficulty, but the majority of those diagnosed with autism will develop a mental health condition and some people with autism are learning-disabled.

As autism lacks a statutory identity in Wales, people are often unable to access effective and much-needed support.

It is a lifelong condition, yet many of the services needed are highly fragmented and are subject to a postcode lottery and only available at certain times, usually a crisis.

The Welsh Government's autism strategy is a voluntary 'wish list' with no legal obligation on local health boards or local authorities to implement it. It is, therefore, vital that Wales' autism community enjoy the same statutory support as their English and Northern Irish counterparts. However, as with Wales, Scotland doesn't have an Act for autism.

The proposed legislation sought to ensure increased support for people of all ages, by addressing issues such as employment (just one in 10 people with autism are in paid work), making improvements to educational outcomes, health and social services and access to housing.

Currently, these areas present significant challenges for people with autism, placing them at an unfair disadvantage to the rest of society, making it difficult for them to live independent lives.

Rarely have I seen so many people in the public areas of the Senedd present for a debate. It was great to see so many people watching this issue be debated and supporting families like my own. The demand for an Autism Act for Wales has never been greater nor more necessary.

The coverage by the media on this debate and the vote has been obscenely poor.

Just as I have fought many battles for my family member and friends, this fight for an Autism Act will go on. The National Autistic Society has played an active and vital role in getting this debated in the Assembly, and its members, staff and volunteers should be acknowledged in their achievements.

The NAS has branches throughout the UK and the Bridgend branch is an active organisation offering support and activities for people whose lives are touched by autism. In the eight years that I have been a member, the group's numbers have swollen, so meetings can be 'standing room only'.

If you are touched by autism, please do not hesitate to go along for the support you may need.

Carolyn Webster
Welsh Conservative candidate Newcastle Ward, Bridgend.

Problem: how to get to the Port Road!

APROPOS the ongoing saga about the proposed developments at Cog Road, Sully, Cosmeston and lower Penarth, the Vale Council has stated that future commuters from these developments will mainly travel to Cardiff via the Port Road.

Whether this is true or not, and I strongly dispute this fact, I wait to be enlightened as to how they will get to the Port Road.

As far as I am aware, and unless some other route has miraculously appeared, they will have to travel via Sully or Dinas Powys.

A recent count of traffic through Sully, I believe, recorded 14,000 vehicles per day passing through, and at certain times of day it is virtually gridlocked.

I hope the Vale will think long and hard before implementing any schemes which will have a detrimental effect on this area.

Margaret Robinson, Sully.

Legion riders in Barry

OUR very good friends, the Royal British Legion Riders, will be with us at Morrison's from 10am on Saturday, November 5.

Why not put the date in your diary and pop along to see those gleaming motorcycles? We will be there to give them a good old Barry welcome as they arrive to support us!

Teresa Goodwin
(*Royal British Legion Barry, Poppy Appeal*)

Rubbish collectors

I WONDER if the Vale's anti-litter teams (The GEM, October 20) will be following the re-cycling collection lorries?

Our street is usually reasonably litter-free, but after the re-cycling collection there is litter everywhere.

Anything they drop, they leave.

D Andrews, Boverton

Cross town traffic

HOW I agree with Coun Mahoney re gridlock. I do realise that new housing is needed but how are we to cope with the results of this?

It's not just gridlock; what about schools, doctors, etc? Has this really been thought out and necessary planning put in place?

J Rees, Llantrithyd

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 3)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
27 Thur	05.07	8.8	17.26	9.1
28 Fri	05.47	9.3	18.07	9.4
29 Sat	06.29	9.6	18.46	9.6
30 Sun	05.59	9.8	18.18	9.9
31 Mon	06.35	9.8	18.51	9.7
01 Tues	07.07	9.7	19.21	9.6
02 Wed	07.36	9.6	19.48	9.5
03 Thur	08.04	9.4	20.21	9.2

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Fellow cyclists honour Di (78)

Di Donovan, who was the 'star' of a Lancashire charity bike ride.

A 78-year-old woman from Peterston-super-Ely was given a supreme accolade by fellow cyclists when she completed a 170-mile charity bike ride during the summer.

When the ride finished, in Bridlington town centre, all the other cyclists held back – leaving Di to lead the way to the finish line and be greeted with a bottle of champagne!

Although the charity ride route was from Morecambe to Bridlington, with detours through the Pennines, Di was raising money for a cause close to her home in the Vale.

As a result of her efforts, Croes-y-Parc Sunday School in Peterston-super-Ely will be receiving the excellent sum of £1,400!

Report and Photo by IAN DIXON

Historical essays – book launch

ON Friday, November 4 at 6.30pm Cowbridge History Society, in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, will be launching its latest publication *Cowbridge and Llanblethian; An Historical Medley*, a book of essays by members of the society edited by Brian Ll James.

The launch will be made by Professor Chris Williams of Cardiff University. All are welcome.

Members may purchase the book at a reduced price. Refreshments will be served.

This will be followed by the Maud Gunter Memorial Lecture given by Ann Powell, well-known author of works about the First World War.

Her talk is entitled 'Soldier-writers On the Western Front During the First World War' and will begin at 7.30pm.

On Thursday, November 10 the society will show the renowned film made in 1957 *Paths of Glory* (Cert 12A) made by Stanley Kubrick and starring Kirk Douglas.

This is one of the most moving films about the First World War. The film begins at 7pm, doors open at 6.50pm.

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Traders dig in for rates rise fight

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He said that George Osborne's final budget announced that from April 2017, the UK Government would be raising the small business rate relief (SBRR) from businesses with a rateable value of £6,000 to those with a maximum rateable value of £15,000.

In addition, the UK Government is set to change the administration of business rates in England by switching the yearly uprating from the higher Retail Price Index to the lower Consumer Price Index.

Taken together, he insists that these policies have the potential to significantly mitigate the impact of re-valuation in towns such as Cowbridge.

Mr Cairns said: "High streets are the foundation of the economy, and provide an invaluable social and cultural function. These independent shops, local institutions in their own right, must be given the opportunity to survive and thrive with better rate relief – as will be available in England.

"It cannot be right that businesses in Cowbridge and across Wales end up paying more than they would on the other side of Severn."

Vale AM Jane Hutt told The GEM that she was aware of the issue.

She said: "I am backing the Cowbridge businesses and am exploring ways I can support them."

A Cowbridge businessperson, who spoke to The GEM on the condition of anonymity, said that the Welsh Government was "not aligned with its counterparts over the border".

"I am hoping that the Welsh Government will review the matter."

Sally Stephenson opened The Pencil Case on Eastgate in 2014.

She said: "I nearly had a heart attack when I saw the new values the Government announced, which will affect, possibly put out of business companies already feeling the squeeze.

"A rise in inflation, the impact of the minimum wage and the cost of goods rising after the Brexit referendum are bad enough, but now this?

"The massive increase in business rates will put us at a disadvantage with businesses nearby not affected by this unrealistic hike."

'Morgan', who has recently opened a business in Cowbridge, said: "I simply do not understand how the Welsh Government has arrived at these figures, and why the rateable value of some properties, only 80 yards up the road on Eastgate, have risen so sharply.

"Does the Welsh Government want us independent retailers to go out of business in favour of the big chains that can absorb such rises better than small businesses?

"It's going to kill the high streets in Wales."

"I must now nearly double my forecast profit in the first year of operation to cover this rise.

"I will be appealing this decision and hope that all other businesses here will do the same."

The GEM approached the Welsh Government, and a spokesman said that a comparison with England was not straightforward.

He said: "The UK Government is not raising SBRR from £6,000 to £15,000, it is raising the threshold for 100 per cent relief from £6,000 to £12,000 and the thresholds for partial relief from £6,001-£12,000 to £12,001 to £15,000.

"The UK Government has announced it will change the yearly uprating of the multiplier from RPI to CPI, but not until 2020-21.

"Our Small Business Rates Relief scheme will save small businesses in Wales from having to pay £100m in tax. Our scheme will benefit a greater proportion of smaller businesses than England's equivalent scheme. In Wales, more than half of all eligible businesses will pay no rates – compared to just a third in England. This is because there is a higher proportion of small businesses in Wales.

"The revaluation itself is not under our control but we know it may affect some businesses' eligibility. Our £10m transitional relief scheme, which will be available from April 1, 2017 when revaluation comes into effect, will be fully funded by the Welsh Government – unlike the scheme in England which simply takes money from one business to give to another.

"The Pencil Case will be one of the many small businesses in Wales to directly benefit from this support and we would be happy to discuss this further.

"These are draft valuations published six months in advance to allow ratepayers to check their property and valuation details.

"If ratepayers think their valuations are incorrect they should notify the VOA as soon as possible."

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

LLANGAN SCHOOL

THIS year's harvest festival concert took place on Friday, October 21, and as in previous years, the school hall was filled to capacity with parents and grandparents.

Every person there stood quietly observing two minutes silence in memory of those who lost their lives 50 years ago in the Aberfan disaster.

The children and their teachers who were lost on that fateful day will always be remembered.

The Llangan children from tiny tots to the more senior pupils, performed in the concert, much to the delight of their family members.

Once again, my personal thanks to all the teaching staff, their assistants, and Mel, the school secretary, who keeps in touch with the school news throughout the year.

TREOES SERVICE

THE next Saron Chapel, Treoes service which will take place on Sunday, October 30 at 3pm, will not be in Saron as the restoration work is due to start at any time.

The service will take place in the Treoes village hall. Everyone will be assured of a warm welcome.

CHARITY RUN

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Simon continued: "For Josh and Jack it was their first taste of half marathon running but I was proud of both of them and as we took in the sights of London with 16,000 other runners, we constantly reminded each other of who we were running for."

Simon was also full of praise for the deli's loyal customer base which contributed £450 to a raffle to win a deli hamper.

"Jack and I were overwhelmed by people's generosity; everybody seemed to have a story to tell about cancer and in particular about pancreatic cancer, which has an unbelievably low survival rate."

Textile group's poppy tribute

FOLLOWING recent successful exhibitions in the Old Hall and Giles Gallery, Pontyclun Cutting Edge textile group's World War One quilts are being displayed in Cowbridge shop windows between October 31 and November 14.

Large poppies, also made by the group, will be displayed in windows across the town.

The quilts will be on display at the following shops: Beauty Within, Costa Coffee, David Barnes Dry Cleaners, Jon Ian, and Ty Hafan Emporium.

Cutting Edge members are delighted to lend their support to this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal and would like to thank participating shops for their generous offer of window space over the Remembrance period.

The quilts were made in 2015 by Cutting Edge Group members to commemorate those who lost their lives in the First World War and some of the quilts acknowledge the bravery of family members.

The quilts continue on their tour next year with exhibitions at the autumn Malvern Quilt Show and the Oriel Gallery at the Welsh Assembly, with the kind support of Jane Hutt AM.

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Alun Cairns and Kate Thomas of Sylvia Williams Pharmacy.

Pharmacist wins 'Best in Wales' award

KATE Thomas of Sylvia Williams Chemists on Cowbridge High Street has won the 'I Love My Pharmacist' award for Best Welsh Pharmacist of 2016.

She was voted the winner by customers and has been recognised by the ILMP pharmacy association as a "pharmacist who goes the extra mile for patients in her community".

As a community pharmacist Kate is often called upon to support patients with more than just their medication. A particularly happy patient is Richard Watson, 41, who has managed to turn his life around thanks to the advice and encouragement he received from Kate and her team.

Thanks to Kate's support Richard has managed to come off his diabetic medication completely after losing 50 per cent of his body weight in two years.

Kate Thomas said: "I would like to thank everyone for their votes. I will be really proud to represent Wales in this national event run by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

"I am really passionate about community pharmacy and the role we play in the primary care team, working alongside our fellow healthcare professionals to assist the public in staying healthy."

Mrs Thomas added, however, that the finances of pharmacies in Wales may not be too healthy.

"Community pharmacies are a local lifeline in the NHS – yet in the Vale of Glamorgan several are set to close."

Vale MP Alun Cairns, who visited the Sylvia Williams Pharmacy to congratulate Kate on achieving the award, said: "I am urging local people to use community pharmacies such as Sylvia Williams' in Cowbridge whenever possible. Not only are these small businesses part of the fabric of the community, they represent part of the solution to Wales' GP crisis."

Mind reader to visit Llanmaes

LLANMAES Village Events is hosting a comic mind reading evening with Carl John in Llanmaes Village Hall on Friday, October 28 at 7pm.

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MAYOR'S GALA EVENING BROUGHT THE TOWN HALL AUDIENCE TO THEIR FEET

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MIKE WILCOCK

THE Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun Elizabeth George, presented her 'Charity Gala Opera and Supper Evening' at Cowbridge Town Hall last week, in aid of her chosen charity, The Forget Me Not Chorus, and what a spectacular evening it was.

The sold out signs had been posted several weeks ago and a capacity audience was treated to a superb evening's entertainment,whilst enjoying a convivial three-course supper.

The stars of the evening were all artists who have worked with many of the great opera companies, including the WNO and ENO.

An intimate atmosphere was created by the artists moving among the guests' tables while performing excerpts from Italian and French operas, and also hits from well-known musicals.

Memorable highlights included the duet from the *Pearl Fishers* by Bizet, sung by baritone Owen Webb and tenor Phillip Lloyd Holtam, which brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience, and a highly amusing rendition of the 'Cats Duet' by Rossini, performed by mezzo soprano Kate Woolveridge and soprano Stacey Wheeler, all accompanied by Sharon Richards on the piano.

Kate, who is the guiding light behind the Forget me Not Chorus, brought the audience to their feet with her performance of the emotional 'Mon Coeur S'ouvre a ta Voix' by Saint- Saens .

The evening was brought to a close with a moving performance of 'All I Ask of You' from the musical *The Phantom of the Opera*.

The audience would not let the performers leave the stage before they all joined in an encore of 'Tonight' from *West Side Story*.

Coun George said that she was thrilled by the success of the evening, which raised a considerable sum for the charity and she thanked all who supported the event for their generosity in the form of sponsorship, donations and provision of raffle prizes.

Coun George's next charity event is her monthly Saturday coffee morning in the Mayor's Chambers, Cowbridge Town Hall, on November 5, 10.30am to 12 noon. All are welcome.

Coun Elizabeth George greeting guests who included Vale AM Jane Hutt and Porthcawl deputy mayor, Coun Lorrie Desmond-Williams.

Coun George with Llantwit Major Mayor, Coun Sally Hanks.

ABOVE: The all important musical contributors were (left to right): Owen Webb (baritone); Stacey Wheeler (soprano); Kate Woolveridge (mezzo-soprano); Philip Lloyd Holtam (tenor) and Sharon Richards (accompanist).

Curtain call time for the performers...

DOGS TRUST 'WALKIES' RAISED £376

TAILS were wagging last Sunday as dogs from Dogs Trust Bridgend rehoming centre went for walkies at the Wildlife Trust of south and west Wales' Parc Slip nature reserve, when 97 dogs and their families turned up and a brilliant £376 was raised!

Both charities receive funding, thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery, to deliver projects in Wales and across Great Britain.

People's Postcode Lottery is a charity lottery which has awarded an amazing £142 million to good causes since its launch in 2008. Support from players makes a huge difference to hundreds of communities with funding awarded to numerous grass roots groups and local projects as well as national and international charities.

In 2016, Wildlife Trusts in Wales received over £200,000 from the lottery which enabled them to continue their vital conservation work to protect local wildlife for the future. The trusts have used the funding to deliver educational opportunities and events for local communities and schools, as well as maintaining nature reserves across the country.

The support is also invaluable to Dogs Trust, who will also receive £200,000 from the players of People's Postcode Lottery this year. The team were not alone on Sunday in trying out the route at Parc Slip, as they brought a number of residents from the nearby Bridgend-based rehoming centre. Dusting off his waterproofs for this year's walk was Rio, a six year-old terrier cross who is loved by everyone and often goes for sleepovers with his canine carers and is now looking for a permanent forever home.

Dogs of all shapes and sizes from the rehoming centre popped down and are hoping that sometime soon their new families will take them on lovely walks just like today. Joining Rio were 11 year-old Joe, a Border Collie looking for a comfy bed and loving new owner, and seven-year old Jack Russel Fred who can be a bit worried, but will make a great companion.

This event with Dogs Trust was a fantastic opportunity to promote responsible dog ownership on the nature reserve as well as Dogs Trust's 'Big Scoop' campaign. Dogs Trust were thrilled to see so many responsible dog owners and their four-legged friends on Sunday, and would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who attended and helped raise vital funds for both charities. A big 'thank you' also goes out to People's Postcode Lottery for their continued support.

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming centre manager, said: "We're so grateful to the players of People's Postcode Lottery as they have made such a difference to thousands of dogs' lives. 2016 is a big milestone for Dogs Trust as we're celebrating our 125th anniversary and we wouldn't be able to continue our work without the help of our supporters and players of People's Postcode Lottery.

"Today has been lovely to come back to Parc Slip, following last year's first successful walk. The dogs loved meeting new people and taking in the sights and sounds of a whole new area!"

To find out more about visiting Parc Slip nature reserve or giving a Dogs Trust's dog a forever home visit the following websites: www.welshwildlife.org and www.dogstrust.org.uk.

REBECCA VINCENT

St Hilary WI members get advice on taking care of their joints!

THE October meeting of the St Hilary WI was held in the village hall. During the business section of the meeting, members were reminded of the Margam Tree Festival on Wednesday, November 30 with tickets at £2.50 each.

This month's speaker was Mr Stephen Cannon, MCSP. He is a chartered physiotherapist and runs the DTR Clinic in Cardiff (DTR = diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation).

Steve gave a brief resume of his long and varied career. He spent 10 years in the NHS working in various specialities. At this time, he also played rugby for Pontypridd, Pontypool and Cardiff RFCs and held the position of team physiotherapist at Cardiff until 1990, when he moved into the newly established DTR Clinic.

He has been involved in physiotherapy for the Barbarians rugby team, the men's ATP tennis tour and many Welsh athletics events.

Today, Steve continues to have strong links with local sportsmen. In his talk, Steve took into account that most members of his audience were of a more mature age and he gave a great deal of practical advice and information.

He described, in layman's terms, the nature of knee, hip and shoulder replacements and their rehabilitation. He also emphasised the need to exercise .

To take to your bed, especially with back pain, will not help. Joints need to keep moving to function properly.

Steve told members how much treatment has developed over the years. Back in the 1960s, for example, a torn cartilage was removed in its entirety, which involved two weeks bed-rest in hospital and six weeks off work whereas nowadays, it is a matter of keyhole surgery and only a few days off work.

After a highly informative talk, Steve was willing to chat to members on their own personal concerns. After thanking Steve, refreshments provided by Barbara Gay and Jackie Roberts were served.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8 with the theme 'Christmas flowers', presented by Mrs Mary Grey. Everyone will bring a plate of food for refreshments.

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'POP UP SHOP' CONCEPT COMES TO COWBRIDGE

Pictures taken at the recent launch event.

A NEW business concept was launched last week in Cowbridge – tailored to give independent traders a chance to 'test the water' in the town.

Based at 23b High Street (the former site of Jenny Wren) 'Pop Up Cowbridge' aims to be a platform for independent designer brands, boutiques and small businesses to test the market, double up on sales and reap the benefits of a prime location in Cowbridge.

Natalie Davies is running the enterprise and told The GEM that the shop offered a "stunning boutique environment" – set over two floors.

It would give traders a variety of options, either for seasonal trade, or to gauge the demand for their products without committing to a longer-term lease.

Natalie said that both local and national brands could set up pop up shops in the premises, and that there had already been a great deal of interest.

For more information, email info@popupcowbridge.co.uk.

'Let's all pull together for the Poppy Appeal!'

THEY'RE back! It's Poppy Appeal time once again and the large poppies are back on the lamp posts in Cowbridge and Llanblethian.

As before, those in the town centre contain information about each individual, but there is a difference.

Focusing on the maxim "We will remember them", the Poppy Appeal has attempted to give us a potted history of each of the Fallen.

What is included varies; most include date and place of birth and of their death, on many there is other information, such as where they lived, their employment, their connection with the area, and their family.

Once again, the poppies have been fixed to a post close to their home or workplace.

A spokesperson said: "We want to show everyone that these were real people who lived in the same area as we do, walked the same streets and who, until war broke out, had everyday lives just like us; the range of jobs they did, and demonstrate a real sense of community.

"We have a postman, police constable, solicitor, monumental sculptor, printer, teachers, haulier, the sons of a doctor, draper, and sweet shop owner, and three bankers, who worked in what are now Barclays, HSBC and the NatWest.

These men also had families who grieved for them and instances, such as brothers who perished, the man who left three young children and those whose children were born within days of their death, probably without them even knowing, are especially poignant."

The scenario is brought more vividly into context if we consider the number who gave their lives – against the size of the parishes in those days. When World War One started, Cowbridge and Llanblethian were much smaller than they are today; far fewer houses and populations numbering around 1,200 and 750 respectively. They were also much smaller than now, prior to the Second World War.

'We will remember them' inevitably relates to the past and those who have given their lives for us, and it is important we do not forget them. The forthcoming Poppy Appeal is about the men, women and families of our armed forces in today's troubled times and who need and deserve our support.

The poppies on lamp posts are only part of it, the 'Paint the Town Red' campaign, and the large poppies and quilts in window displays contributed by the Cutting Edge Group, and which will be put up shortly, run hand in hand with the Poppy Appeal in attempting to lift the level of the whole atmosphere in the area and stimulate interest.

The GEM gives the appeal its wholehearted support and encourages everyone to give generously. It's only once a year – let's make the most of it!

BAAAH! COMES TO COWBRIDGE!

THINK sheep with roses, cows with fruit, goats with stripes – and you are halfway there.

Brecon artists, Karin Mear and Nigel Evans are bringing *Baaah* – their range of pop art, animal-inspired prints – to Havard & Havard, Cowbridge for an exhibition opening on Friday, November 4.

Nigel Evans said: "Our work starts off with photographs of domestic and farm animals which are digitally enhanced, then superimposed against patterned wallpaper-style backgrounds.

"The artists like to have fun with images and their artwork works well in both traditional and contemporary settings."

Karin Mear added: "The inspiration came from seeing old school photographs from the '60s. The photographers always carried a variety of weird and wonderful backgrounds for the kids to sit in front of. In *Baaah* art, the animals have gone back to school."

Nigel added: "Wouldn't it be great if a piece of art on your kitchen wall made you smile every morning? Get some *Baaah* in your life."

Baah comes to Cowbridge at 11am on Friday, November 4, running until December 24.

Nigel Evans and Karin Mear.

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Walled garden festival is a big hit in the Vale

Jane Hutt at the Roaming Caravan with Narelle Dancey.

ON Saturday, October 15, locals turned out for the first 'Autumn Garden Festival of Food and Drink' in Dunraven's walled gardens in Southerndown.

Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the crowds and congratulated Chloe Francis of Ogmore's Cobbles Kitchen and Delicatessen who organised the festival, with Narelle Dancey from The Roaming Caravan Company, supported by the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities programme.

Jane Hutt said: "The Dunraven festival was a great success and I was delighted to meet Narelle Dancey and Chloe Francis – who I first met at an event I sponsored with the Vale Council to congratulate young entrepreneurs in the Vale."

News from Bont Faen WI

WE hosted the Fashion Dispensary from Cowbridge High Street with a display of their autumn and winter collections.

The models showed a selection of casual wear, glittery clothes for the party season and this season's 'must have' – fur cuffs and collars.

Lynn went through the county letter, telling us of events coming up: two members are going to see Mike Doyle at the Hi Tide in Porthcawl.

Last month, five members went to Margam Orangery for the musical evening and two went on the Federation walk in Bryngarw Park.

November's social is a visit to Abbey Cwm Hir for their decorated Christmas rooms. Next month's meeting on November 17 at 8pm in the Lesser Hall, will have us welcoming singer Peter Karrie to talk about his life and future plans.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new. **MP**

Charity market in Cowbridge

JOIN Welsh Hearts for their autumn market in Cowbridge Town Hall, High Street, this Saturday, October 29 from 11am-4pm.

There will be stalls, refreshments, Christmas gifts and lots more!

Pop-in and learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

For more information, contact fundraising@welshhearts.org or telephone 02920 647735.

OLD HALL BRIDGE

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club, Cowbridge for Wednesday, October 12 were as follows:

Equal first were Barbara Easterbrook and Margaret Bancroft, and Allan Lewis and John Raymond 60.83 In third were Pam Higgs and Sylvia Bryant.

The club meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at Annex 5, Old Hall, Cowbridge. Visitors are welcome. For more information, telephone Helen Barrie on 01446 774148. **JM**

MUSICAL MARATHON IN PETERSTON HELPS VILLAGE CHURCH ROOF FUND

Report and Photographs by IAN DIXON

ST Peter's Church, Peterston-super-Ely, held a 12-hour musical marathon earlier this month in aid of the church roof restoration fund.

Musicians played from 9am to 9pm, and this was followed by well-deserved refreshments in the church hall.

The programme was eclectic, from folk to classical, with protest songs, bell ringing, and ancient Chinese music.

There were contributions by junior school choirs, professional musicians, soloists and duos, culminating in an hour-long concert by the local choir, caritas.

The event was well supported by the villagers, and Rev Canon Martyn Davies thanked the marathon's musical director, Lindsay Gray, for all his hard work.

He also thanked the many volunteers and, of course, the ladies who provided a steady supply of drinks and sandwiches during the day.

Wick Apple Festival had great ap-peel!

Wick Apple Festival.

THE second annual Wick Apple Festival 2016, organised by Sustainable Wick Community Group, was held at Wick Sports Pavilion during the afternoon of Sunday, October 16.

The event was a great success, judging by the comments that I and other members of the group received from visitors on the day.

Attendance was up on last year with a lot more people bringing their own apples to make into juice, which was very pleasing as this was one of the main objects of the event.

The competitions, quizzes, and other activities were enjoyed by all those who participated. New stalls for this year were; Hedgerow Harvest, a stall selling preserves using locally-sourced fruits, face painting and second hand books.

The group would like to thank: Arthur John & Sons, Strawberry Fields (both of Cowbridge), David Wilson Homes of Wick for their donations for the raffle, plus all the members who donated items for the organic hamper and lovely cakes which were sold with a hot drink. Also, we would like to thank St Donats Arts Centre for the loan of equipment.

All funds raised will go towards the Wick Community Woodland Project in Monk's Wood, Wick.

Thanks also to The GEM for its support in helping to publicise the event.

Mike Webb
(Chairperson, Sustainable Wick Community Group)

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Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS
reports to GEM readers

OVER the years, I have had the great privilege of taking numerous local people and community groups for tours of the Palace of Westminster.

Since 2014, I have organised sets of coach tours departing the Vale to London, to give as many of my constituents as possible the chance to visit.

I am happy to announce that as of next month, my direct coach trips to Parliament will be starting again.

If you live within the Vale constituency you are warmly invited to join me for a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Parliamentary democracy, accountable government and the rule of law are some of the most important developments in world history, and great British exports to the four corners of the globe.

The Palace of Westminster has been at the centre of this story for centuries, and has played host to some of the most important events in our island's past. The sense of history in the place is palpable and I want as many local people to have the opportunity to experience it as possible.

Once in central London, Vale residents will have the opportunity to see the 1,000-year-old Westminster Hall, the old debating chamber in St Stephen's Chapel and the current chambers of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Included on the tour is the Queen's Robing Room, the Royal Gallery and the all-important voting lobbies.

After the tour, I will hold a question and answer session in the grand committee room, just off Westminster Hall, and endeavour to answer any question I can about how Parliament works from the perspective of an MP and member of the Government.

I will also share some of my more amusing experiences on the green benches, centring on 'how not to ask a question to the Prime Minister'.

As you may be aware, Parliament could close in the next five years for repair work which could last six years.

So, if you live in the Vale, please do not hesitate to get in touch and reserve your seat before full-scale restoration work begins.

I hope to see you in Westminster very soon. Bookings are being taken for the next two coach tours which depart on November 18 and December 9 from Llantwit Major and Barry respectively.

To reserve your seat, please call 01446 403 814 or email alun.cairns.mp@parliament.uk.

DANIEL ELECTED YOUTH MAYOR

A RECENT Vale Youth Forum meeting saw the Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Coun Neil Moore, and the Vale Mayor, Coun Stuart Egan, announce this year's successful candidate in the Youth Mayor election campaign.

Daniel Marshall (16) from Cowbridge Comprehensive School, was elected Youth Mayor, and will take on the responsibility of leading the Vale Council's Youth Cabinet.

He will be ably-assisted by the newly-elected Deputy Youth Mayor, 15-year-old Daley Chapman from Barry Comprehensive School.

The event concluded the campaign that gave young people across the Vale of Glamorgan the opportunity to vote for their third Youth Mayor.

During local Democracy Week, October 10-14, elections were held in a variety of locations, including schools, the Cardiff & Vale College, and with training providers, youth clubs and youth organisations.

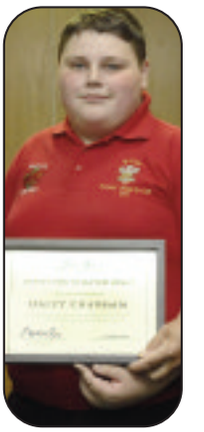
Young people were encouraged to take part in a secret ballot that would decide which of the three candidates – Daniel Marshall, Daley Chapman or Barry Comprehensive School representative Rhys Powell – would go on to lead the Youth Cabinet.

A total of 3,992 votes were received, votes informed by viewing the candidates' manifestos: *www.valeyouthcabinet.blogspot.co.uk*

Coun Neil Moore, said: "The Youth Cabinet continues to produce fantastic work, ensuring that young people across the Vale are well-represented, and have a say on matters that affect them.

"I wish Daniel, and Daley the best of luck with their future endeavours."

Daniel Marshall with Coun Neil Moore (right) and Vale Mayor Coun Stuart Egan.



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Vale Council explains the pros and cons of electoral OpenRegister

AS part of the Vale Council's annual canvass, households in the Vale of Glamorgan have received household enquiry forms asking residents to check that the information that appears on the Electoral Register for that address is correct.

This opportunity also allows residents to change their Open Register status.

The Open Register is an extract of the Electoral Register – or, Electoral Roll – which lists the names and addresses of everyone who has registered to vote.

The Open Register, however, is not used for elections, but can be bought by any person, company or organisation.

One of the main purposes of the Open Register is for marketing.

A council spokesman said: "Your name and address will be included in the Open Register, unless you ask for them to be removed.

"Doing so will not affect your right to vote or your credit score, and you can opt out of the register at any time."

Further details on the on the Open Register can be found at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/openregister.

Anyone who has any questions regarding the Open Register can contact the Electoral Registration team on 01446 700 111, or at electoralregistration@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

SNAP HAPPY!

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, gave a warm welcome to members of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, who are currently exhibiting at the Arts Central Gallery in Barry Town Hall.

From over 1,500 exceptional entries, only 150 prints and 150 digitally projected images were accepted. The Mayor said: "It is an outstanding exhibition, capturing the out-of-the-ordinary and unexpected world of photographic art.

"Congratulations to everyone who is part of this exhibition, and I wish you a successful and enjoyable time here"

The exhibition closes on Friday (October 28). Gallery opening times are: Monday to Friday (10am–4pm) and from 10am–3pm on Saturdays. The gallery is closed Sundays.

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Brave mum Carolyn in the running for award

A BRAVE mum of one who's battled against Crohn's Disease is in the running for a national award.

Carolyn Hall was looking for something to fill her time when she spotted the advert for a domiciliary care worker by All Care South Wales Limited based in Barry.

"I didn't really think it was going to be for me, but I thought I'd give it a go," she said.

As it turned out Carolyn proved a "natural", and she has now been shortlisted in this year's annual Wales Care Awards organised by Care Forum Wales to recognise good practice in the sector.

Carolyn (48), has been nominated in the category for Supported Living or Small Group Community Living Care Practitioner, and on October 21 will attend the glittering ceremony at Cardiff City Hall.

She had formerly worked as an administrator for Cardiff City Council and at the Heath Hospital but before spotting the advert had been a 'stay-at-home mum' for six years.

For All Care she visited a number of service-users with a range of conditions and disabilities and gained great personal satisfaction from helping them.

Carolyn Hall (right) with service user Peggy Brown

She was nominated for the award by her line manager Ceri Anne Gratton, who commented: "Carolyn has a holistic approach to her work and communicates simple ideas to her supervisors to enable care packages to run smoothly.

"Her work with individuals suffering with dementia has been exceptional and the praise she has received has proved her commitment and passion for her role.

"Carolyn has a gift that ensures the individuals she supports never feel rushed, always making time for a valuable cup of tea and a chat."

The nomination was supported by testimonies from relatives of some of the people in her care.

Carolyn, who suffers from Crohn's Disease, recently left All Care to work for the Pobl Group and is enjoying the work just as much, especially as she is able to devote more time to the residents.

She remains a bank worker with All Care and so is sometimes called on to visit some of her previous service-users.

"I suppose I have always had a caring nature," she said. "I get great satisfaction from the job and find it very rewarding.

"It was a big shock to learn I had been nominated and then shortlisted, but it's nice to know that you are doing something right."

Despite suffering from Crohn's Disease, which meant several hospital admissions, she used to enjoy taking part in gruelling obstacle races involving crawling through mud, climbing walls and other test of stamina.

"But I now have arthritis, so I am limited to walking. I love the outdoors, especially walking in west Wales, such as the coastal path."

Mario Kreft, the chair of Care Forum Wales, said the Wales Care Awards had gone from strength to strength.

He said: "The event is now firmly established as one of the highlights in the Welsh social care calendar. The aim is to recognise the unstinting and often remarkable dedication of our unsung heroes and heroines across Wales."

Pioneer School paves way to digital future

FROM this school term, digital skills will increasingly become a part of every element of the curriculum in Wales – and a Barry secondary school is paving the way for others to follow.

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg was chosen as one of the Welsh Government's 'Pioneer Schools' who are supporting the launch of the first element of the digital competence framework.

Changes to the curriculum mean digital skills will now be rolled out through all parts of a pupil's schooling and not just isolated to specific ICT or computer science classes.

Dilwyn Owen is the digital pioneer at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg and has welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the work: "I've always felt that with young people we need to create a similar digital environment within the school as they experience outside it otherwise they will not see the relevance of education to their day-to-day lives.

The potential with the framework is that we can achieve that and equip them with a variety of skills that will be with them throughout their lives.

"The Welsh Government is to be applauded also in making this framework available now for schools to consider how best to integrate it into their long term planning; and to ensure that schools can adapt it to their individual needs."

Have your say on the future of Rhoose services

FOLLOWING the successful pilot community mapping work in St Athan and Wenvoe, the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team are working with Rhoose Community Library management team – to find out how residents of the Rhoose ward feel about local service provision, and what their aspirations are for the future.

This will help them shape the future community library service in Rhoose.

Coun Lis Burnett, Deputy Leader of the Vale Council and cabinet member for regeneration and education, said: "Following the great success of the community mapping pilot in St Athan and Wenvoe, we're extending the pilot to the community of Rhoose.

"The work in St Athan has brought people together to champion their community and drive forward new activities and projects,".

Community mapping brings a community together to focus on the positives in their neighbourhood, and to look at potential solutions to any problems that might arise in the future.

The Creative Rural Rural Communities team have organised two drop-in sessions for residents to come and have a chat about Rhoose and what services they would like to see in the future.

These are set to take place on Thursday, November 3, from 3pm-8pm at Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road, and Wednesday, November 9, 11.30am-3pm at Celtic Way Community Centre.

If you can't make the events, but would still like to have your say, you can complete the Wenvoe community survey by visiting https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/rhoose. Surveys need to be completed by Monday, November 21.

Safeguarding your well-being in later life

AT the October meeting at Barry Highlight Park WI, president Barbara welcomed Melissa Thomas (solicitor) who gave a very informative talk on the importance of personal and financial welfare in the later years of our lives.

As a solicitor, she outlined that by having a Power of Attorney put in place while you are able to do so can put your mind at rest should the need arise.

It may be necessary to appoint one or two people to manage your financial and personal affairs, if you unable to do so.

Following her presentation, several questions were put to her and in brief she recommended checking the registration of house deeds, splitting bank accounts, arranging funeral plans etc.

She rounded up the very informative talk by handing around notes on Lasting Powers of Attorney and business cards.

Future events were announced, including a visit to Gloucester Quays in November.

Our new flip chart displayed all the notices from Federation House and invitations from local WIs for coffee mornings and events.

Our next meeting will be on November 15 when Phil Carradice will give his interpretation of literary life.

In November, we will be making Christmas cards, as demonstrated by Rosemary Bishop, at our afternoon social meeting, and Christingles in the December afternoon social meeting.

The usual Christmas Party with music is planned for December 20. In January, we will be going out to a local country inn for lunch to celebrate the New Year 2017.

Regular meetings are at Highlight Community Centre (near Tesco's), Highlight Park, Barry.

Afternoon meetings meet on the first Tuesday of each month 2pm-4pm for various interesting events, including quizzes, demonstrations etc.

Every Thursday afternoon at 2pm-4pm there is a knit and natter at the Sewing Circle.

Our monthly meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of each month 7pm-9.30pm.

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£100,000 gift transforms the day therapy unit at the Marie Curie hospice

Day Therapy team members Sam Clements, Jan Palmer, Maggie Whitfield and Donna Lee, interim nurse manager for the Day Therapy Service. Photo by PATRICK OLNER.

A GENEROUS gift donated to a Penarth hospice has seen a day therapy unit transformed into a bright and airy space for patients and their families, with more room for clinical and complementary therapy services.

The Marie Curie – Cardiff and the Vale Hospice's new Outpatients and Day Therapy Service was officially opened by the Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Vaughan Gething, following a £100,000 donation from the Hodge Foundation.

The gift has allowed the unit to be completely refurbished. Opening the unit, Mr Gething welcomed the services that would be on offer, both for Marie Curie patients and other organisations. He said: "Providing clinical services at the unit means patients and their families can return home after treatment, preventing unnecessary hospital admissions."

"I'm delighted to open the unit; this gift from the Hodge Foundation has helped create a brighter space for people living with terminal illness."

Donna Lee, interim nurse manager for the Outpatients and Day Therapy Service, said: "The transformation is amazing.

"Our aim is to provide a range of services to advise, support and care for patients and their families, these include complementary therapies, group sessions and outpatient appointments."

Bryn Ruston has used the hospice for complementary services. The 50-year-old, originally from Barry but now living in Cardiff, was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour nine years ago.

"I feel that there are so many people in my position who can benefit from this service," he said.

"I really enjoyed the foot rubs (reflexology) and I've met so many people here, it's been great."

The Hodge Foundation wanted to support the vital work carried out by the Marie Curie Hospice – Cardiff and the Vale, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support to those with terminal illness.

Karen Hodge, trustee, said: "The trustees of the foundation wanted to ensure the hospice has the best facilities and environment to carry on its work. The transformation of the day unit is overwhelming."

Hospice manager, Paula Elson, thanked the Hodge Foundation for its donation, and said the funding had helped make the hospice team's dream a reality.

Competition for Barry Air Cadets

Going for gold.

RECENTLY Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron took part in the No.1 Welsh Wing Training Day at MoD St Athan.

The training day comprised a series of military skills competitions for Air Cadets in South Wales and was attended by nearly 200 cadets.

The competitions and activities included: drill, band, archery, sports challenge, aviation visits, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) workshops, first aid, aircraft recognition, field cooking, the flight simulator and team building exercises with the RAF careers.

Cdt Cpl Jenna Day said afterwards: "It was an amazing and challenging day. I really enjoyed the archery."

The cadets are now preparing themselves for a busy and challenging couple of months including, flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, adventurous training exercises and overseas visits.

372 Squadron, welcomes all young men and women between 12 (in school year-8) and 17 years old to join. The Squadron parade at 5th Barry Scouts on Everard Street, Barry on Monday evening (7.30pm–9.30pm) and Wednesday (7pm–9.30pm).

You can also contact the Squadron on 07486 501864, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information about becoming an Air Cadet. **JH**

Railway walk is targeted for clean-up

LOCAL volunteers have vowed to help clean up Penarth's popular Railway Walk in a 'morning of action' next month.

Led by the newly-created Railway Walk Group, assisted by Coun Anthony Ernest, the Action Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, starting at 10.30am-lunchtime.

Said Coun Ernest: "A couple of us, including local residents Sarah and Gary, met a while back and decided to get on and do a piece of work cleaning up this incredibly popular walkway, which stretches from the top of Plymouth Road as far as Cosmeston Drive.

"We felt that autumn was an appropriate time to carry out at least part of this work, depending on how many volunteers wish to join us.

"There are a lot of fallen twigs and branches, the historic remnants of this once-proud railway track also need uncovering, and a general clear-up can only be a good thing for the local community, and the incredible wildlife and fauna which survive there."

He said they had the support of the Vale Council as owners of the land, and the group has vowed "to help keep the path in as good an order as reasonably practical".

Volunteers, who will be provided with appropriate equipment on the day, should meet at 10.30am on Saturday, November 19 at the Sully Terrace/Archer Road junction of the walkway.

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Howells' pupils raise funds for Penarth hospice

PUPILS at a Cardiff school who are raising money to 'Pay for a Day' at the Marie Curie – Cardiff and Vale Hospice in Penarth have put their baking skills to the test.

Howell's School hosts a baking competition every year during October, with students competing across all year groups, baking at home and bringing the treats in for judging.

This year, the school is supporting the Marie Curie Pay for a Day campaign and are aiming to raise £6,660 to help pay for the running of the charity's Penarth hospice, which provides round-the-clock expert care and support.

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Rhiannon Hedge (Mind), Nigel Adams and Laura Thomas (Ty Hafan).

Sully Painting Group hands out cheques to local charities

AT its recent AGM, members of Sully Painting Group were given a report on their successful summer exhibition in June, which sold a record number of paintings.

From the proceeds of the exhibition, cheques for £600 were given to both Ty Hafan hospice and Mind to support their work. The cheques were presented by Nigel Adams, chairman of Sully Painting Group, to Laura Thomas from Ty Hafan and Rhiannon Hedge from Mind.

Nigel Adams thanked the members of the group for all their hard work in ensuring a successful exhibition.

Sully Painting Group meets every Tuesday at 1.30pm and 7pm at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully.

It is a group with beginners through to more expert painters and new members are always welcome.

For more information call Nigel Adams on 029 2051 2308 or Roy Green on 029 2053 1262.

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Early boost for Poppy Appeal

ON Monday, October 24 members of the Royal British Legion Barry were delighted to formally thank Rhoose Post Office staff and customers for an outstanding contribution to the Poppy Appeal.

The year-round collecting boxes have raised £842.46... a fantastic amount which will go a long way towards helping support the work of the Legion.

The presentation, attended by Coun Jeff James, was made just days before the start of the 2016 appeal.

Coun James commented that this was a fabulous example of the community spirit in the village.

Teresa Goodwin
Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal

Geraint John Planning are preparing to submit an outline planning application on behalf of Edenstone Homes for residential development on land off Cowbridge Road, Eglwys Brewis, St Athan.
The land is allocated as a strategic housing site for 300 dwellings in the Vale of Glamorgan deposit Local Development Plan 2011 - 2026.
The draft planning application, associated plans and other supporting documentation can be viewed online at **http://www.geraintjohnplanning.co.uk/current-consultations**
In addition there will be a public consultation event held at The Gathering Place, Flemingston Road, St Athan CF62 4JH on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 from 3pm until 7pm and members of the project team will be available to answer any questions about the proposals.
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Syrian student 'grateful for warm Welsh welcome'

ON October 18, two students from UWC Atlantic College were invited to a debate in the Pierhead building in Cardiff Bay, which was aired simultaneously on the BBC World Service and BBC Radio Wales.

Carl Sargeant AM, and Andrew RT Davies, leader of the Welsh Conservatives were on the panel, which discussed whether Wales has a moral obligation to help Syrian refugees.

Nazem Aldroubi, a Syrian student, and Mariasofia from Italy took part in the live debate, and questioned the MPs on the current systems in place, and asked if more could be done to help.

Nazem was also given the opportunity to give a separate interview about his experiences in Syria, how he gained the scholarship that brought him to the college, and how grateful he was to receive a warm welcome from Welsh people.

He said: "I had to move from my home town because my house was levelled. I had to witness a lot of deaths – including my friends – something that is not ok for an 18-year-old to see.

"I am really grateful to this country and I feel a lot of responsibility to work hard, and appreciation to you for accepting me."

(Left to right) – Alun Cairns MP, Peter Riley, Coun Vince Driscoll on the site of the new development.

Honour local Olympian with street name – call

RIO Olympics gold medal winner, Hannah Mills of Dinas Powys, could be honoured with part of the village named for her – following a suggestion by local MP Alun Cairns and community councillor Vince Driscoll.

Hannah, who won gold in the women's 470 sailing race, is the 'pride of Dinas Powys' according to the MP, who wants to see 'at least' part of a new development in the village bear her name.

"The former Bryneithin care home in the north of the village, famous for staying open with only one resident for contractual reasons, has now been demolished with a new development under way. The new age-exclusive housing under construction, currently marketed as Arbor Vale, is the site that could incorporate Hannah's name," he said.

"A line of the new terraced houses could be 'Hannah Mills Row' or the road that leads to the development could be named 'Hannah Mills Lane'."

Coun Driscoll added: "The village is hugely proud of Hannah, and rightly so. After the 2012 London Olympics post boxes in winning athletes' home towns were painted gold as a permanent tribute. We think it's only right that Dinas Powys' very own Olympic hero gets such a permanent tribute locally."

Family day for local Scouts highlight of varied activities

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group has not stopped over the last few months: Scouts, Explorers and Network spent 10 days at a camp in Ireland over the summer.

On the first week back in September, the group got together for a walk along the cliff top to The Leys, followed by sausage and chips at Fontygary.

Since September, Cubs have been to London Zoo as part of their Cubs 100 celebrations. Cubs from all over the UK took part at various venues: 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Cubs had an early start, catching the bus from Barry at just after 6am.

It was a long day, not returning until 9pm but everyone had a great time and met lots of other Cubs.

Cubs have also learned about Rosh Hashanah and made honey biscuits. They have looked at healthy eating and got to guess the fruit they tasted while blindfolded.

Beavers have also looked at healthy eating, with fruit skewers as well as tasting food from around the world.

Scouts have been practising their carving skills and over half-term, five of them are setting out on a Brecon Beacons expedition where they will be walking, camping overnight and then walking some more, making good use of their map reading skills. This will enable these five to move a step closer to achieving their Chief Scout Gold Award.

The group has also held a family camp for the first time in 16 years. Families across the sections came together for two days and one night and a great time was had by all.

Parents were given the opportunity, alongside their children, to take part in bushcraft, fire lighting, using a knife to carve wood and an axe to chop it up for the fire.

They also did backwoods cooking, pioneering, and not forgetting the walk over the monkey bridge when it was erected.

The group also had some barrels donated by Phil and Luke of PLB Ecowood Ltd that it used to construct a raft – and families got to go rafting on the river that runs alongside the camp site.

The rule was you raft on the water, not in the water, but for some that was easier said than done and needless to say – some got wetter than others!

Families also got involved in various art and craft activities, from paracord bracelet making, to glass etching, rope making, pyrography and t-shirt printing.

The camp took about 18 months to plan and organise but it was well worth it.

The 1st Penmark with Porthkerry would like to thank PLB Ecowood Ltd for helping Scouts to set up their woodland camp.

The group is planning some fundraising activities over the next few months and further details will follow. As always, your support would be greatly appreciated.

One of our main fundraisers is Scout Christmas post and once again, 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group will be participating.

Please buy your stamps from outlets in Rhoose and the surrounding villages, in order for the money raised to come to 1st Penmark with Porthkerry scout group.

This year, they still cost only 25p and will be in various outlets from next week!

COLETTE RAYMOND

SOCIAL WELSH IN THE VALE

THE Vale Council and Menter Bro Morgannwg have signed a new framework agreement to develop new services to strengthen the Welsh language within communities in the Vale.

Menter Bro Morgannwg was established in April 2013 with the aim of promoting and expanding the social use of the Welsh Language in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Since then, they have been working closely with the council to deliver a number of activities and events to create more opportunities for Vale residents to use the language outside of work and school.

These include a Welsh language festival held on Barry Island, Gŵyl Fach y Fro, baby swimming lessons and other recreational activities for all ages.

Since the establishment of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in 2000, there has been a significant increase in the number of parents choosing Welsh medium education for their children.

This, in turn, will result in an increase in the number of Welsh speakers in the Vale of Glamorgan. Menter Bro Morgannwg's aim is to encourage those in Welsh medium education, and their parents, to use Welsh outside of the classroom in social situations.

This framework agreement is a formal recognition of the partnership work that has already taken place between Menter Bro Morgannwg and the council to provide these activities and a commitment to continue to working together to deliver these opportunities in the future.

It also highlights the council's commitment to work with the Welsh Government to achieve the aims of their strategy, 'A living language, a language for living'.

Sian Lewis, chief executive officer of Menter Bro Morgannwg, said: "We are pleased that the council has entered into this agreement, which guarantees that we will be able to continue to build on the good work that has already been carried out here in the Vale. We have just had our second Gwyl Fach Y Fro festival, which was a huge success, and we hope to keep working closely with the council to provide events like this and fulfil our aim as an organisation."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Coach trip to Bath

THE St Hilary NSPCC committee has organised a pre-Christmas coach trip to Bath on Saturday, November 26.

Enjoy a day out in the city with its Christmas market, shops and restaurants. The coach leaves Cowbridge Town Hall at 8.30am with a pick-up at Culverhouse Cross at 8.45am, leaving Bath at 4.30pm.

Tickets are £15 and can be obtained from Ewa on 01446 771728 or any of the committee members.

RNLI at The Mole

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THE Memo Arts Centre at Barry, working in partnership with Innovate Trust and Film Hub Wales, has launched a new film club.

Cine-Venture will be offering the latest blockbusters and specialised films, with a meet and greet session before and after the films to discuss the film and enter competitions.

Relaxed film screenings will also welcome people with an autism spectrum condition, sensory or communication disorders, and learning disabilities.

The Magnificent Seven (12A) Wednesday, November 2 @ 12pm – 12.25pm; 'meet and greet', film screening from 12:30pm.

Tickets for all Cine-Venture screenings are £5, which includes a drink and popcorn available from the Memo's box office on 01446 738622, or online: www.memoartscentre.co.uk.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D954.

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Details are available at www.stdonats.com.

Children's Society fair

THE autumn fair in aid of The Children's Society takes place in The Paget Rooms, Penarth this Saturday, October 29 at 10am – 12 noon.

Many stalls – homemade cakes, preserves, plants/bulbs, books, and a stall with Christmas gifts; mystery parcels and a raffle.

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Bingo in Rhoose this Saturday

THE committee of Rhoose Community Hall is holding a bingo afternoon to raise funds for the hall.

It will take place (on Stewart Road) on October 29; doors open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start.

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Flowers demo

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers' Club meets on Wednesday, November 2 for a Christmas demonstration entitled 'Glad Tidings', by national demonstrator Katherine Lee.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the upper hall of t

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Cowbridge Art Society

THE next meeting of the society will be on Thursday, November 3, when Barry artist Carl Chappel will give a demonstration of painting a portrait or figure in oils.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm.) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome.

Autumn lunches

THE soup ladies of All Saints' Church, Barry are inviting you to their autumn lunches on November 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the church hall from 12pm – 1.30 pm.

Lunches are £5 and will *include soup, pudding, tea/coffee and free raffle. All proceeds in aid of the All Saints' Church roof restoration project.*

Legion AGM

THE Royal British Legion Barry branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, November 14 at the Barry Town Council Chambers, Gladstone Road, Barry.

This will be followed by a short branch meeting.

Spooky fun for the RNLI

ON Friday (October 28), Penarth's Cogan Coronation Club will be the venue for a 'fun'draising Hallowe'en event, with all proceeds going to support Penarth RNLI's fundraising appeal for a new boat, and the NSPCC.

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We will be holding it whatever the weather brings, except perhaps gales, so please ignore any rumours to the contrary.

Pendragon Fireworks, based in Wales, promise that this year's display will be equally as good, if not better, than the last.

Come along and enjoy yourselves in what promises to be a wonderful evening of fun, fireworks and music. The fireworks will start at 7.45pm, but to avoid the last-minute rush, we suggest arriving from 6pm.

You will be able to enjoy the delights supplied by the Island traders and the funfair before and after the main event. Pay and display parking is available in the Harbour Road and Nell's Point car parks. Please note that new pay and display charges will now apply – under one hour, 50p; over one hour £2.50 and disabled badges are free.

We ask everyone attending to donate money into collecting buckets carried by Rotarians, Cadets and Scouts wearing the yellow tabards of our Rotary Club, so as to assist the future funding of this event.

If everyone gave at least £1, we would ensure the continuation of the event, and help deserving causes so much more.

Over the years, this has been a very popular event and traffic delays are to be expected, so where possible, please car share and consider these alternative forms of transport.

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The following road closures will be in place on the night: Paget Road closed from 5.30pm-9.30pm; Station Approach Road closed from 6.30pm to 9.30pm; Friars Road, between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road closed from 5.30pm to 9.30pm.

Follow @visitthevale/FB visitthevale and @VOGCouncil/Vale of Glamorgan Life for all event information.

Our club apologises to the Island residents for any inconvenience caused during the road closure period (5.30pm-9.30pm) and they are advised to use Plymouth Road for access during these times.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedules hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedules will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 5th November 2016	**Paget Road** between Harbour Road and its cul de sac end near the lifeguard station including the un-named section of road to the side of No19 Paget Road (excluding the lane). **Station Approach Road** throughout the length, including its gyratory of the roundabout at Whites Corner. **Breaksea Drive** from its western junction with Adar-y-Mor to its junction with Station Approach Road. **Friars Road,** between its junction with Station Approach Road and Paget Road	5.30pm-9.30pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place.
Access for Pedestrians shall be maintained.

Dated this 27th day of October 2016

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing,
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Parking plan for Barry

WORK has begun to provide more parking spaces and improve safety in a busy Barry shopping area.

A total of 36 new car parking bays will be created around High Street in the town, with new road crossings built for pedestrians.

The first stage of the work is under way, and the aim is for it to be completed before the Christmas lights are switched on in late November.

It will affect York Place, High Street and Queen Street.

Then phase two will take place between January and April, along Broad Street and Broad Street Parade.

Ten of the extra parking spaces will be created on Broad Street, seven in the form of bays outside the former RAOB club, and across the road, three bays will be built outside The Sir Samuel Romilly pub.

A further 26 spaces will then be created across York Place, High Street and Queen Street.

As part of the work, new safer crossings are being built which increase traffic visibility for pedestrians. A Vale Council spokesman said that they will also be more convenient for those on mobility scooters and the visually impaired.

He added that meetings have been held with traders in the area to keep them informed of the works, while residents have received letters about the project.

Businesses and residents on Broad Street/Broad Street Parade will be posted information about phase two of the plan towards the end of the month. As well as providing a general update, the letter will contain times and dates when appointments with officers can be booked to discuss any concerns people may have about the work.

Coun Peter King, cabinet member for building services, highways and transportation, said: "The work being done around High Street should be hugely beneficial for motorists and pedestrians alike.

"Not only will there be more car parking provision in what is a busy shopping area, but new crossing points will ensure pedestrians are safer.

"They will also be more convenient for those on mobility scooters and the visually impaired."

Tom Cruise-s in formulaic but fun Reacher sequel

by GARETH JAMIESON
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WHEN it was announced, way back in 2012, that Tom Cruise (all 5ft 7ins of him) was to bring Lee Childs' 6ft 5ins Jack Reacher character to the big screen, it was met with howls of derision from fans of Childs' books as well as film fans who couldn't see Cruise bringing the character to life.

If that year's *Jack Reacher* was a lukewarm success, it didn't damage the prospects of another Reacher outing, which finally hits screens with the subtitle *Never Go Back*.

Based on the book of the same name, Reacher returns to his army roots to meet Major Susan Turner (Cobie Smulders) whom he has recently assisted on a case.

When he learns that Turner has been arrested on charges of espionage, and then he himself stands accused of murder, Reacher smells a cover-up and breaks himself and Turner out of jail in order to find out what is going on.

Their task is made more difficult by a killer on the pair's tail (played by Patrick Heusinger) and a girl, Samantha (Danika Yarosh) who may or may not be Reacher's daughter, who becomes embroiled in their plans...

The 'brand' of Tom Cruise has spent the last decade firmly establishing what you should expect from a film starring the star. While there have been some deviations from the formula, whether it's playing for laughs under prosthetics in *Tropic Thunder*, or playing a grey-haired contract killer in *Collateral*, the majority of Cruise's output has seen the actor deliver solid action blockbusters that haven't really stretched the acting muscles but have provided much entertainment.

2012's *Jack Reacher*, while an adaptation of Lee Childs' character, was also very much an exercise in mining Cruise's particular set of skills for maximum effect, and while not a great success was, in the eyes of this critic, a reasonably enjoyable plot-driven action film.

The same can be said of *Never Go Back*, a film that tries to mine deeper depths than the first Reacher outing and while not wholly convincing, still makes for a slick thriller that will satisfy but won't linger too long afterwards.

It's a dependable piece of filmmaking, a Tom Cruise production we are informed over the opening sequence, and one that delivers and provides all you would expect both from star and genre.

The plot is a classic one, innocent-presumed-guilty go on the run to clear their names, no end of car chases and foot races as they escape to fight on another day, yet with the addition of Yarosh's Samantha it sometimes slips gears into a film about how this thrown-together, dysfunctional family co-exist in order to see justice done.

The film pivots around these three roles and why there's nothing mind-blowing on show, the turns sit perfectly well within the confines of the film. Cruise can't help but inject his own brand of movie star charisma into proceedings, but with the plot developments of his relationship both with Samantha and Cobie Smulders' Susan, there's a little bit more depth on top of the usual physical exertions.

Meanwhile, Smulders is decent and makes for a more compelling foil than just being a damsel in distress, and Yarosh's Samantha is a welcome spanner in their plans, offering a sparky performance that has chemistry with Cruise.

The villains of the piece are nondescript at best, Robert Knepper's shadowy general barely even registering while Patrick Heusinger's The Hunter is intriguing in name only, playing the slightly cliched role of lethal killer but one whose keen abilities seem to falter whenever he comes into contact with the film's hero.

Edward Zwick steps into the director's chair, replacing Christopher McQuarrie, and brings his innate ability to marry action and story and does a decent fist of it. Zwick's recent output has been hit-and-miss, and while there's nothing here that suggests he is anywhere near returning to his best form, he puts a high-quality sheen to proceedings here, with engaging set-pieces working just as well as the more measured familial issues that the films hangs on.

It may seem an awkward mix, and sometimes it does feel a little like it, as for a film based around action and thrilling plot, the is-she-isn't-she? status of Samantha (and the chemistry between Reacher and Susan) takes up much of the thrust of the film's story, but its familial plot machinations elsewhere mean that this gives the film a slightly different dynamic.

It's not a film that is likely to hang round in your head any longer than it has to, and is unlikely to trouble anybody's end-of-year lists, but for disposable and dependable fun, *Jack Reacher – Never Go Back* delivers. It's formulaic in the extreme, and another entry in the Tom Cruise gallery of action films, but is inoffensively satisfying.

VERDICT – Dependable and nothing special, *Jack Reacher – Never Go Back* is a slice of formulaic fun; there's nothing to surprise, nothing to take it to a level of greatness, but it offers up formulaic fun as a typical Tom Cruise action film. While it is unlikely to linger, there's not too much wrong with that. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Jack Reacher* (2012), *Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol* (2015).

Music and poetry evening celebrates Poppy Appeal

THE Royal British Legion, Barry Poppy Appeal hosted an evening of poetry and music – to celebrate the dedication of both young and old in raising money for the annual Poppy Appeal.

In a packed St Mary's Church, and in front of guests including the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Mrs Morfudd Meredith, Deputy Lieutenant Colin Jones described the dedication and commitment of the volunteers.

Among them was 90-year-old Stan Smith, a World War Two veteran who has collected for the appeal for 25 years and will be at his post again this year in Asda.

Special mention was made of 372 Barry Air Training Corps, whose cadets have sold poppies for many years, and 11th Barry Sea Scouts who joined the efforts two years ago.

A light of remembrance, passed from veterans to the Sea Scouts last year, was passed on to the Air Cadets and it will again form part of the town's Remembrance parade on Sunday, November 13.

Other awards were made to Keith and Gloria Harris, Berry Williams, and Tommy and Joan Lake.

The collection made after the service was donated to the church in recognition of the consistent support it gives to the appeal, with special mention, of course, of Father Ben Andrews.

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Looking back on a packed agenda for October

OCTOBER has been another busy month for the Vale of Glamorgan Council and one that has seen us address what we know to be an issue of great concern for many Vale residents – littering and dog fouling.

As many of you will have seen in last week's GEM, Environmental Enforcement Officers are now on patrol in the Vale of Glamorgan, with the power to issue on-the-spot penalties for environmental crimes.

Littering, dog fouling, and graffiti are all now being tackled by specialist officers, who have the power to issue on-the-spot penalties of £75. The officers will be patrolling streets, parks, playing fields and open spaces throughout the Vale of Glamorgan and have legal powers to stop anyone they see committing offences.

Covert operations and investigations will be carried out to tackle fly-tipping. Enforcement of byelaws will also be addressed, but as some of these have faded in people's minds, for an initial period, warnings may be issued.

However, this won't be the norm and this initial period won't last long, so please be aware of this new enforcement regime. We will, of course, be reviewing their success over the coming months and I hope that offences will reduce.

The enforcement patrols will include some on the public spaces and parks, and will specifically include the parks and play areas we have recently invested in. Since 2012, this Labour-led Council has invested in over 40 play areas and more are on the way.

This will include the £100,000 plus we will be spending to upgrade Penarth's cliff top play area and the £70,000 to turn the existing children's play area at Salisbury Road in Barry, soon to be known as Fforest Community Park, into a public park that the whole community can enjoy.

We will also target hot-spot play areas that we know are being vandalised, and where dogs are defecating – even though it is a children's playground.

Although we have introduced this new enforcement regime, I am still pleased to confirm that the latest Keep Wales Tidy figures show that we have some of Wales' cleanest streets. However, we still know some areas can be blighted by the irresponsible actions of some people.

On the theme of enforcement services and animals, our shared regulatory service (with Bridgend and Cardiff councils) has received two awards at an RSPCA presentation reception clinching a bronze award in the animal establishment category and silver in the stray dog section. A lot of hard work has gone into achieving the high standards we currently enjoy and we are proud of the positive work being done by shared regulatory services, demonstrating what can be achieved by effective co-operation between authorities.

In terms of co-operation, I would like to refer to our work with the young people of the Vale of Glamorgan and would like to congratulate Daniel Marshall from Cowbridge, who was re-elected as Youth Mayor for the Vale for a second year, by a poll of young people that took place across the county borough this month during Local Democracy Week.

Since establishing the council's youth cabinet in 2014 it, along with the Vale Youth Forum, has produced some fantastic work, ensuring that young people across the Vale are well-represented and have a say on matters that affect them.

Daniel will again take on the responsibility of leading the youth cabinet. He will be ably assisted by the newly-elected deputy Youth Mayor, Daley Chapman from Barry.

I would also like to refer to the other candidate Rhys Powell, who lost out to Daley in a very, very close contest to establish the new deputy Youth Mayor. I, along with my cabinet colleagues, look forward to working closely with them during the coming months.

Referring to young people, I am also pleased to report strong progress at Barry Comprehensive School. Pupils, staff and governors at the school were delighted at the release of a new report from school inspectors, Estyn, showing the school has made significant progress across the board since its full inspection in 2013. I congratulate everyone on their success.

Other young people are also excelling in another area. I refer to the Vale Council's bursary scheme, funded by the Waterloo Foundation, which has seen 49 young people under the age of 30 launch their own successful businesses.

This scheme was so successful, it was the only Welsh entry into the promoting entrepreneurial spirit category of the Enterprising Britain Awards and was 'highly commended' in its category.

I wish all these new businesses continued success for the future.

We have had other successes in business locally, too, and I am pleased to confirm that the Vale Council will be working alongside one of these businesses this winter.

This year, Central Park in Barry is to host the town's first ever ice rink and will become home to a series of attractions as part of its transformation into 'Ice Central'.

It is being delivered, as I intimated, in partnership with Mack Events, the team behind the hugely successful GlastonBarry festival.

I am looking forward to this new event, which will see an undercover rink created in the park adjacent to Barry Town Hall and will be opened after the big 'switch-on' of Barry's Christmas Lights on November 26 at 5pm.

Ice Central will offer seasonal food, drinks and live music as well as a family-friendly festive-skating experience. The rink will be open for eight days and will be the centrepiece of the Vale Council's winter events programme for 2016.

As well as providing festive fun for families from the Vale and beyond, we hope the event, which is the first of its kind in the town, will provide a boost to local traders at what we know is a very important time of year.

It will open at 5.30pm on November 26 and every day until December 4. There will be late night events on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays and prices will start from £3, with a family ticket available for £10.

On a more sombre note, I would like to close my column with thanks to all of those who took a moment to commemorate the 50th anniversary of one of Wales' greatest tragedies, the man-made disaster that took place at 9:15am on September 21, 1966, in Aberfan.

As someone who was brought up in a mining village in the Sirhowey Valley, I remember only too clearly as a 15-year-old, arriving at school and hearing the horrific news of the coal tip sliding down the mountain into the village and the school below.

I have vivid memories of the devastation that took place and the shockwave that echoed through the valleys and the mining community. It was a time when every local collier and able-bodied person forgot everything else, and gathered together to help in whatever way they could.

I had the privilege to represent the council, along with the deputy Mayor and deputy Mayoress, at the commemorative service in St David's Parish Church in Merthyr Tydfil. It was a moving experience, to say the least.

I would also like to thank the many council colleagues, contractors and residents who gathered with me outside the Civic Offices on Friday, October 21 to mark the 50-year anniversary of the tragic disaster. I think it was poignant to mark the occasion in Barry, a town that was built on coal, using a school bell to start and end the minute's silence.

It was a moment to remember not only those lives that were lost, but also those who survived and who were and still are deeply affected by that day.

I would also like to thank those in the Vale of Glamorgan who took the time to share the grief of Aberfan.

VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE** Leader of the **Vale of Glamorgan Council**

Former Forces? SSAFA has 'Got Your Back'

SSAFA, the Armed Forces' charity, this week launched its 'Got Your Back' campaign to encourage vulnerable veterans of working-age in Cardiff and the Vale, to come forward for help.

The branch has supported 121 people so far this year, but SSAFA believes there are many more local veterans who would benefit, but are not asking for help.

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan veterans and their families who are in need can contact SSAFA's Forcesline which is confidential and free of the chain of command, either by Freephone on 0800 731 4880 or by emailing the team via www.ssafa.org.uk/gotyourback. The charity is also asking members of the public who may be concerned about a veteran to encourage them to contact SSAFA Forcesline for help.

Cardiff and Vale plays key role in NHS national recruitment drive

HEALTH staff from Cardiff and the Vale have been helping to attract hundreds of new NHS staff to Wales.

A health board team joined a delegation from NHS Wales and Welsh Government at the British Medical Journal's recruitment event in London at the weekend.

Dr Graham Shortland, the medical director for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, joined the team and said the event went well: "It was great to see colleagues from across NHS Wales coming together to highlight the benefits of training, working and living in Wales.

"We spoke to hundreds of individuals, many of whom were very keen to hear about the opportunities available in Wales and who signed up for more information. We're confident that a number of those will be taking up posts in the near future.

"What came across at the event was that Wales has so much to offer and many people are interested in joining NHS Wales."

The health board is also running local recruitment events, as well as supporting the national campaign.

The visit to the recruitment event was part of a new national and international campaign to recruit more staff to posts across NHS Wales. It will provide support to GPs who want to come to work in Wales with help relocating families.

It is aimed at medical students who have yet to choose a speciality, as well as those trainees who are coming to an end of their training. Online and telephone support services are also available for those interested in joining NHS Wales.

To find out more about the campaign visit www.trainworklive.wales

Friends and Neighbours' special luncheon

THE Friends and Neighbours' October lunch at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, was full to capacity with over 65 members and volunteers who were helped by a team of employees from Cardiff British Gas.

Entertainment was provided by 'Music in Mind' from Cowbridge, who provided a medley of classic musical hits. Gay Fifield (coordinator) gave a vote of thanks to Music in Mind.

Barry Town Mayor, Coun Charlotte Williams, was impressed how big the group had become.

The team from British Gas gave a thermal mug to all who attended and then organised Bingo with two winners receiving a slow cooker donated by British Gas.

Members now look forward to their trip in November to Blooms Garden Centre and the pantomime in December to see *Peter Pan*.

The lunch menu was given out for Christmas meal to be held at Brynhill Golf Club.

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Tory leader insists 'Vale still losing out'

THE Welsh Government's 2017-18 provisional local government settlement shows the Vale is still losing out, claimed South Wales Central AM and Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies this week.

"The settlement, released last week, shows the Vale will see cuts of 0.2 per cent to its budget and this will do nothing to improve poor services."

Mr Davies has now called on the Welsh Government to take action to make sure the Vale "gets a fairer slice of the cake".

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FOR those who want to start college next September and anyone wanting to start learning new skills for their dream career, the CAVC Open Evenings are a great opportunity to find out just how much Cardiff and Vale College can help.

Cardiff and Vale College will hold two open evenings next month: the first will be at the College's new £45m City Centre Campus on Dumballs Road in Cardiff on Wednesday, November 2 from 4.30pm-7.30pm and the second at its Barry Campus on Colcot Road on Thursday, November 3 from 4.30pm-7.30pm.

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Dogs Trust takes its manifesto to The Senedd

Andrew RT Davies

DOGS Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, visited the Welsh Assembly yesterday on Wednesday, October 19 to discuss their 'Dog Manifesto for Wales' with Assembly Members.

The animal welfare charity, which has 21 rehoming centres across the UK and Ireland, including one in Bridgend, cares for nearly 17,000 dogs each year and never puts a healthy dog down. In the last year, Dogs Trust has rehomed more than 400 dogs in Wales alone.

Hosted by Andrew RT Davies, AM for South Wales Central and Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Dogs Trust drew attention to its continuing concerns about the breeding and selling of dogs, as well as the use of aversive training devices such as spray, sonic and prong collars.

Dogs Trust's head of public affairs, Claire Calder, said: "We were delighted to visit the Welsh Assembly yesterday. It was a good opportunity to voice our worries about dog breeding practices and our preference for the Welsh Government to continue to take the lead on dog welfare by extending their ban on electronic shock collars to other aversive training devices."

Andrew RT Davies AM said, "It was a pleasure to welcome Dogs Trust to the Assembly as they celebrate their 125th year. It is a fantastic organisation that does a lot of good work to help our four-legged friends.

"I visited their Bridgend base earlier this year and it was great to see their work in action, and it was an honour to sponsor their reception here in the Senedd. I wish the organisation well and have no doubt it will continue its good work in the future."

Dogs Trust was also delighted to be joined by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM, who spoke about her plans to improve animal welfare.

She said: "As we approach the 10 year anniversary of the Animal Welfare Act, it is clear it has had a significant impact on companion animals – a strong reflection of the passion the people of Wales have for animal welfare. We will continue to work closely with partners such as Dogs Trust to build on this work and to raise awareness of the importance of responsible animal ownership."

To read Dogs Trust's Welsh Manifesto visit: https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/news-events/news/dogs-trust-public-affairs-news.

Remembrance: My family and Granddad Skipper

JONATHON GEORGE SKIPPER: Rifleman 37237 (4968), 1st/8th Battalion, London Regiment (Post Office Rifles).
Missing on October 7, 1916 – aged 36.

EVERY year, November 11 comes around and as I have grown older, I reflect on the sacrifices of the Great War – sacrifices which my granddad made and the effect it had on his widow, my own mother and her brothers and sister.

I was born in 1939, some 33 years after Granddad Skipper was killed, and that in itself is a long time. In the small terraced house at 200 Stafford Road, Great Yarmouth, a beautiful photo of Jonathan Skipper hung on the wall.

I remember it well because I was evacuated there at one stage during the Second World War until they started bombing Great Yarmouth and I was returned, with my sister, to our home in Twickenham.

Sadly, that photo did not survive the floods that hit Great Yarmouth and Stafford Road in 1953.

I also recall that my mother and her family rarely referred to the lost of their father and their brother, Arthur, in the Second World War.

It was more than likely that in the harsh winter of 1947, my mother would have referred to the tough times she went through as a child. She had to leave Great Yarmouth Grammar School at 14, to learn sewing and dressmaking which she took in to help the family's finances. She was the second eldest and there were three younger children to be brought up with no father.

So how has history affected my outlook? About 20 years ago, I started to research my grandfather's death. Initially with the help of the War Graves Commission, I discovered his memorial at Thiepval. I also was able to establish the day, the battle and the ghastly deaths that occurred on October 7, 1916. On my mother's death, his final letter was passed to my sister and then onto me. It is so precious and I am deeply proud of his sacrifice. The words in his letter sum up the sentiment of an ordinary soldier separated from his wife and young family.

I cannot watch the Cenotaph Service or the concert from the Albert Hall, which I had the privilege to attend in my 70th year, without my own emotions welling up. It brings back all the memories of the great hardship in which Nana Skipper brought up her family. Also the emotions my own mother expressed every year on November 11.

I have revisited Thiepval now on three occasions, the last being when I took my daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren for a long weekend to soak up all the atmosphere of the battlefields and the fascinating museums in Ypres.

My grandson is nearly 16 and on my death will inherit the 'box of First World War memorabilia' I have collected over the last two decades.

As he is studying history at A-level at school, he already has a strong interest in both the First and Second World Wars. I know I will be leaving my collection in good hands!

It is so sad to see that we still have not learnt lessons from the horrors of those two World Wars. I just hope that the huge sacrifices that were made between 1914 and 1918 will never have to be repeated and that wherever possible, families, like my own, will pass on those personal memories that have been so important to me.

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From left: Prof Tony Curtis, Jane Hutt AM, Suzanne Grover and performing arts student Rebecca Hayes, who read poetry by Grahame Davies.

National Assembly remembers Aberfan

LAST week, Professor Tony Curtis and Suzanne Grover from Barry led the Aberfan commemoration in the Senedd.

Vale AM, Jane Hutt said: "The 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster was marked in the National Assembly last week, with tributes and a minute's silence at the start of plenary, a book of condolences and a minute's silence on Friday.

"I am privileged to know Barry resident Suzanne Grover who was brought up in Aberfan and who has coordinated the inspiring digital exhibition 'Aberfan-Remembrances of a Photojournalist IC Rapoport'.

"It is on display in Merthyr Tydfil's Redhouse and at the Pierhead building in Cardiff Bay until October 29.

"University of South Wales professor and poet Tony Curtis, also from Barry, read his moving and powerful poetry at the event."

Quiz expert joins NFU Ladies

AT the Vale NFU's Ladies October meeting, Mrs Gwerfyl Gardner, gave an interesting talk on her experiences of appearing on television quiz shows.

Gwerfyl was in the Glamorgan WI team that beat the Eggheads.

Five Members then took part in a small quiz which Mrs Liz Jervis won. Mrs Ann Rees gave the vote of thanks.

The delicious basket of fruit was won by Mrs Jean Griffiths in the raffle, the proceeds going to the Velindre Hospital Cancer Appeal.

The next meeting is at the John Lewis store, Cardiff on November 15 at 5pm.

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Vale gears up for winter gritting

THE Vale Council's winter gritting operation is on stand-by ready to react when temperatures drop.

Although the weather is predicted to remain mild for the time being, the council is determined not to be caught out and has put measures in place should a cold snap strike.

A spokesman said: "The council's winter maintenance service operates from October to April, with the aim of ensuring main routes across the Vale are kept clear of snow and ice. Salting normally takes place between 6.30pm and 7am, outside peak traffic periods.

"There are 644 miles or 1,030 kilometres of adopted highways in the Vale of Glamorgan and over 43 per cent of these are pre-salted when there is ice or snow forecast."

Penarth Ramblers enjoy eagle's eye view of the Bristol Channel

THE sight of the delightful sun-dappled Castell Coch or the red castle perched high above the Taff Gorge greeted the 11 walkers who joined Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers on a lovely autumnal morning, and setting off back down the main drive to a housing estate, the group made their way up through wet fields towards Rhiwbina Farm.

A short piece of road walking led them back into fields and descending and crossing the Nant Cwmnofydd stream, muddy leaf-strewn tracks after heavy overnight rain in Coed-y-Wenallt led them gradually uphill to the Wenallt Road.

Joining the A469 opposite the Travellers Rest and making their way through part of the Whitchurch golf course towards Cefncarnau-fach and fawr, a dirt track led on past ruined farm buildings.

Descending through meadows and across the Nant Brynau, a really boggy field led them to their lunch stop at the Black Cock Inn before continuing down Black Cock Road below autumnal tinted trees to narrow muddy tracks through bracken on the lower slopes of Craig yr Allt.

Enjoying the views out across the Bristol Channel and over Taffs Well before descending gradually to the Taff Trail, there was a return uphill through Fforest-fawr and a sharp descent back to the start.

By contrast, William played host to a group of 10 walkers who joined him for what turned into an 18.5-mile mid-week linear walk through the delightful Wye Valley.

Catching two buses from their start point in Chepstow to the historic old market town of Monmouth, birthplace of Henry V, they joined part of the long distance Wye Valley walk. A stone bridge led them onto the Gloucestershire side of the River Wye.

A footpath along the riverbank led to Lower Redbrook then back across the Wye into Wales for the gradual climb up through Whitebrook, Cuckoo Wood and Bargain Wood.

Trekking through gorgeous woodland at Botany Bay, and Coed Beddick to Brockweir, a flat walk along the old railway line led to Tintern Old Station for their lunch break. Next the continued along the riverbank and into Tintern itself.

Then, passing the stunning remains of Tintern Abbey, another steep climb up through Limekiln Wood and Black Cliff Wood led to the viewpoint at the Eagle's Nest.

Their final descent led them through the Giant's Cave and on towards the atmospheric remains of Piercefield Park with its ruined stable block, past Chepstow Racecourse and back into Chepstow for the journey home as the night time enveloped them.

On October 29, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile moderate walk, taking in the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway and North Cardiff Craigs; Contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

On October 30, meet at 9.30am at the Barry Waterfront for a 7.5-mile moderate walk taking in Ogmore-by-Sea and St Brides Major; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

JOY STRANGWARD

Penarth news in brief

A CELEBRATION lunchtime concert with Rebecca Evans, supported by The Scott-McNicholas, August Guan, Anthony Negus, Nigel Lloyd-Latham and Stanwell School music students, will celebrate 125 years of All Saints' Church, Penarth on Monday, October 31 (12pm for 1pm).

Tickets £10, from Foxy's Deli, Griffin Books and the All Saints' parish office on 02920 703170. Proceeds will support the organ appeal.

Friends of Penarth Library will hold a Halloween cake sale on Saturday, October 29 between 10am and 12 noon at Penarth Library.

On Saturday, October 29 Cancer Research UK is holding an autumn fair with coffee and cake at the Paget Rooms at 2.30pm – 4pm. Admission is £1. Please support the local Penarth branch of Cancer Research UK.

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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS ALLWYTHO A PHARCIO)
(GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD)
(RHIF 5) 2016

1. Rhoddir rhybudd bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn gwneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn addasu, dileu ac yn rhoi amrywiaeth o gyfyngiadau parcio ar waith fel y cyfeirir atynt yn Atodlenni 1 i 11 y Gorchymyn.

2. Gellir archwilio manylion llawn y cynigion, gan gynnwys copi o'r Gorchymyn drafft a chynllun Rhif T/16/68 yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig yn Heol Holltwn, y Barri ac yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol a bydd yn rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf.IF797) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 21 Tachwedd 2016 a bydd yn rhaid cynnwys eich sail dros wrthwynebu.

3. Rhoddir gwybod i unrhyw un sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yn sgîl Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad i Wybodaeth) 1985, fod gofyniad cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn i roi unrhyw sylwadau a geir mewn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig ar gael i'r cyhoedd eu harchwilio.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol mewn perthynas â'r ffyrdd a'r strydoedd isod.

Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

Y Barri

Stryd Lydan	**Heol Fawr**	**Stryd y Frenhines**
Stryd y Farchnad	**Stryd y Dwyrain**	**Ffordd Windsor**
Ffordd yr Ynys	**Plas Efrog**	

Gwneir addasiadau i'r cyfyngiadau canlynol:

Aros Cyfyngedig 8.00am tan 6.00pm Dydd Llun tan Ddydd Sadwrn am gyfnod o 2 awr ar yr hiraf, a gwaherddir dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr.

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Dyddiedig 27 Hydref 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Gwenfo. CF5 6AA.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING ANDLOADING AND PARKING PLACES)
(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT)
(NO 5) ORDER 2016

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to modify, remove and install various parking restrictions as referred to in Schedules 1 to 11 in the draft Order

2. Full details of the proposals, including a copy of the draft Order and plan No T/16/68 may be inspected at the Civic Offices Holton Road Barry and the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF797) in writing by Monday 21st November 2016 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended in relation to the Roads and Streets listed below.

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

Barry

Broad Street	**High Street**	**Queen Street**
Market Street	**East Street**	**Windsor Road**
Island Road	**York Place**	

Amendments will be made to the following restrictions:

Limited Waiting 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday for a maximum period of 2 hours, return prohibited in 2 hours.

Limited Waiting 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Saturday for a maximum period of 2 hours, return prohibited in 2 hours, except for resident permit holders.

Limited Waiting 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday for a maximum period of 2 hours, return prohibited in 2 hours, except for resident permit holders.

Disabled Persons Parking Places
No Waiting At Any Time
Doctors Parking Place
Taxi Rank

Dated this 27th day of October 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

homes4u HOTLINE 01446 700111

To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or apply in writing to:
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Environment and Housing
Civic Offices, Holton Road
Barry CF63 4RU

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 2 NOVEMBER 2016

All Homes4U properties have double glazing and central heating unless otherwise stated and will be allocated to the maximum occupancy.

It may take longer to rehouse you if you are awarded medical priority as there is a shortage of accessible and adapted homes in the Vale.

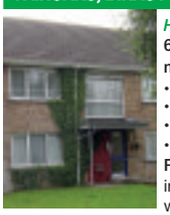
ARNO ROAD, BARRY

H4U reference 137176

- Three-bedroom house
- Parking

Rent £99.72 per week including service charge

FAIROAKS, DINAS POWYS



H4U reference 230667

60 and over with medical priority

- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Level access shower
- Warden and alarm

Rent £114.39 per week including water and warden charges

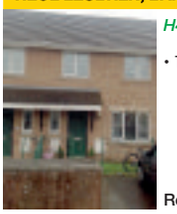
GLYNDWR AVENUE, ST ATHAN

H4U reference 248652

- Three-bedroom house

Rent £110.61 per week including water charge

HEOL LEUBREN, BARRY

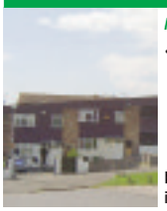


H4U reference 137047

- Three-bedroom house

Rent £106.99 per week

MANORBIER COURT, BARRY



H4U reference 215538

- Three-bedroom house

Rent £108.28 per week including water charge

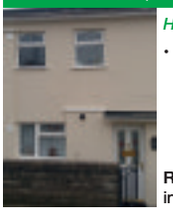
PARDOE CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U reference 218956

- Two-bedroom house

Rent £109.86 per week including water charge

PENDINE CLOSE, BARRY



H4U reference 220064

- Two-bedroom house

Rent £105.63 per week including water charge

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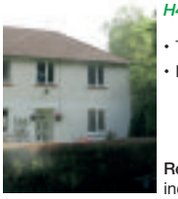

H4U reference 231790

- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor

Rent £95.22 per week including water charge

PURCELL ROAD, PENARTH

H4U reference 242622

55 and over with medical priority

- One-bedroom flat
- Level access shower
- Community alarm

Rent £96.86 per week including water and alarm charges

WOLFE CLOSE, BARRY

H4U reference 229462

- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Water meter

Rent £80.44 per week

OCEAN VIEW, OGMORE BY SEA

Newydd Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, announce the new development at Ocean View, Ogmore by Sea.

Two, two-bedroom flats

- Communal entrance
- Three floors (no lift)
- No pets allowed

Rent £90.11 per week plus service charge

Expressions of interest are invited from H4u members with a local connection to Ogmore by Sea. (local work, family or life connection). Local Lettings policy applies.

SHARED ACCOMMODATION PROJECT - TY'R GYFRAITH BARRY

Newydd Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council are looking to pilot a Shared Accommodation Project.

Expressions of Interest are invited from two relatives or friends looking to share a two bedroom flat. Both applicants must be under the age of 35 and registered with Homes4u. The property will be let on an Assured Shorthold basis. You will have your own room and will share a lounge, kitchen and bathroom.

No Pets allowed. No children allowed.

Rent £98.96 including service charge

ST DAVIDS MEADOW, COLWINSTON

Bids are invited from all Homes4U members. Preference will be given to those with a local work, family or life connection to Colwinston or other parts of the rural Vale.

Priority will be given to applicants with a medical priority.

- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Level-access shower

Rent £78.88 per week plus service charge.

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Visit the HOMES4U web page to view homes available immediately
www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of the rented homes.

When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference.

All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.

'Be a Nice Monster' at Hallowe'en – POLICE URGE

SOUTH Wales Police are once again launching a Hallowe'en campaign – with a 'Be a Nice Monster' poster and stickers, and on social media with #spooksafe, urging people to behave safely and responsibly during the trick-or-treating festivities.

Since the beginning of October, specially-trained officers have been giving talks to school pupils about the adverse impact that anti-social behaviour can have on others – however harmless it may seem at the time.

Neighbourhood Policing Officers have also been delivering posters to schools, residents and shops so they can display them in their window to encourage good behaviour.

Primary pupils have also been asked to design their very own monster as part of the #SpookSafe. The winner and three friends will receive a voucher for a free round of mini golf, courtesy of Treetop Adventure Golf in Cardiff.

Assistant Chief Constable of South Wales Police, Richard Lewis said: "For many, Hallowe'en is a time for celebration and we want everyone to have the most enjoyable Hallowe'en possible.

"With celebrations come the risk of situations escalating and behaviour getting out of hand. It is vital that the public show consideration for their community when celebrating Hallowe'en.

"Police will take action against anyone committing acts of anti-social behaviour. Anyone experiencing anti-social behaviour should call 101. If it is an emergency, call 999."

Keep wildlife safe when you plan a bonfire night blaze!

WITH bonfire night and Hallowe'en fast approaching, the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), and its patron Twiggy, are urging people to build bonfires on the day they are to be lit, to save hedgehogs and other wildlife from appalling suffering.

It will not only save wildlife from burning to death but will also stop the bonfire from getting soaked should it rain the night before!

Fay Vass, chief executive of BHPS, said: "If material is stored on open ground in advance of having a bonfire, it's crucial to dismantle it and move it to another spot just before lighting. Ensure it's moved to clear ground – never on top of a pile of leaves as there could be a hedgehog underneath, and not too close to pampas grass which can ignite very easily, and is another favourite spot for hedgehogs to hide under."

Fay added that when a large bonfire must be built in advance, people should protect it while building by putting some chicken wire, at least one metre high, all the way around the bottom.

This should be held in place with stakes and the wire should slope outwards at an angle to make it difficult to climb, as hedgehogs are good climbers!

In case you have missed anything, light the fire from one side only and keep people away from the unlit side so that any hedgehogs can, hopefully, escape in peace.

Barnardo's launches new support service

THE families of Armed Forces veterans can often be the forgotten victims of Service life, but now the children's charity Barnardo's Cymru has launched a new way of helping them.

The Barnardo's Cymru Families of Veterans' Support Service (FVSS) has been set up to support children and their parents or carers with the challenges veterans' families can face when adjusting to civilian life.

Service families are often faced with unique challenges, ranging from family members returning home with a combat injury, or illness such as post traumatic stress disorder, to children having to adapt to a succession of new schools, disrupting their education and limiting their opportunities to sustain long term friendships.

During their time in the Services there is a shared understanding of the issues that are faced by veterans, and formal and informal support networks are in place, but on leaving the Forces these are often lost.

Although some families are able to re-establish support links back in the community and have networks of family and friends, others can find themselves isolated and struggling to cope.

Barnardo's Cymru has been awarded £433,000 from the Covenant Fund set up by the Government to support the Armed Forces community. The money will enable the FVSS to offer direct support to the children and families of veterans.

The charity will be working in collaboration with the British Legion and other Forces' charities across Wales, creating a 'whole family approach' to supporting veterans and their families.

Barnardo's Cymru will also be working with the Endeavour veterans' wing in HMP Parc Prison to identify and offer support to families who need extra help when the veteran is serving a prison sentence.

Children with a parent in prison often struggle in school and can feel a sense of abandonment. They are also more likely to end up in the criminal justice system themselves and suffer from mental health issues.

Laura Tranter, strategic service manager with Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment (CAPI) at Barnardo's Cymru, said: "What we can do is make sure children and families receive the support and direct help they need.

"One of the ways we can help is to make sure that children maintain contact with a parent in prison where appropriate, and support them in preparing for a visit."

For further information or to arrange interviews, contact Barnardo's Cymru media and communications manager Margaret O'Reilly on 02920 436229 or 07827 977830.

New law looms for landlords

LANDLORDS in the Vale of Glamorgan will need to comply with a new law coming into effect across Wales in November.

By November 23, all landlords must register themselves and their properties, while all agents and any landlords who also self-manage their properties will need to obtain a licence.

Applications can be made online at www.rentsmart.gov.wales or by calling the Rent Smart Wales helpline on 03000 133344.

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FOR SALE OR LEASE
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FOR SALE
18 High Street - £159,950
Opportunity to purchase a three storey premises with a three bedroom flat above accessed via the shop. The only Post Office for the West End of Barry for many years.

FOR LEASE
12 York Place - £12,000 Per Annum
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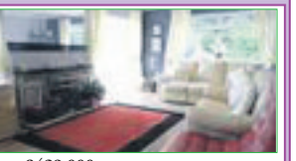
FOR LEASE
Unit 1a Palmers vale business park - £13,000 P/A
A first floor modern office accommodation comprising; office partitions and blinds, approximately 2,000 square feet, alarmed and CCTV.

FOR LEASE
Unit 1a Palmers vale business centre - £18,000 P/A
The property is located on a secure multi-unit business centre, in easy access to Cardiff and M4 corridor. Property benefits from an area of 6000 SQ FT with parking and internal offices.

FOR SALE
Fronheulog, Cloth Hall Lane, Merthyr Tydfil - £260,000
Ideal for development. Opportunity to acquire a six bedroomed semi detatched residence on the edge of the Beacons National Park, Within its own gated grounds is a driveway and front garden and an attractive feature of an open veranda supported by cast iron pillars. There are some original ornate features inside. Within the grounds are outbuildings suitable for storage. Large plot to rear with the added benefit of having an outline planning for a bungalow.



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Park Road, Barry - £439,000
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- Offered freehold & would make an ideal family home

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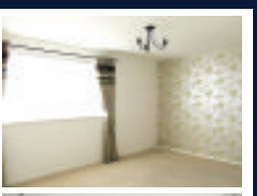

WESTON COURT, BARRY
- A one bedroom 1st floor flat within walking distance to the town centre
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Conveniently located close to transport links in & out of Barry
- Leasehold & offered with vacant possession & no chain

£72,000

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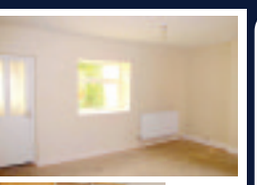

HUNTER STREET, BARRY
- Two bedroom double fronted mid terrace property
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Newly refurbished throughout
- Low maintenance garden to the rear
- Offered freehold with vacant possession & no chain

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RENTALS

Davies Street, Barry
2 bed terrace property, GCH, DG, Unfurnished, £500pcm.

Davies Street, Barry
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St Aidens Rise, Barry
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Shelley Crescent, Barry
3 bed semi detached. GCH, DG, Unfurnished, £600pcm.

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3 bed mid terrace, GCH, DG, Unfurnished, £650pcm.

NEW

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YSTRADOWEN

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RHOOSE

• 3 bedroom semi detached property • Conservatory • Garage • Walking distance from Park and Ride
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HENSOL

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BONVILSTON

• Five bedrooms • Under floor heating • Annexe potential • Double garage
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BARRY
NEW PRICE

• 5 bedroom property • 3 reception rooms • Double garage • Sea views
£425,000

CORNTOWN
TO LET

• Semi detached property • 3 bedrooms • Cul de sac position • Conservatory
£695pcm

COLWINSTON

• 5 bedrooms • 3 reception rooms • Potential for building plots subject to planning
£625,000

BRIDGEND
NEW PRICE

• Mid terrace property • Brand new bathroom suite • 3 bedrooms • Private garden to rear
£99,950

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Family Notices

BETTY LEWIS

On October 19 at Milsom House, Betty, aged 80 years of Llantwit Major, previously of Hayes, Middlesex, London. Dearly loved wife of Brian, a loved mother, cherished grandmother and great grandmother.

Betty will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the funeral service and committal on Monday, October 31 at 3.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, CF35 6AB, where family and friends please meet.

No flowers, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimer's.

ALLEN
Iris

Peacefully on October 16 at Dan-y-Graig House, Porthcawl, Iris, formerly of Porth. Beloved wife of the late Cliff, cherished mother of Mary, Janet and the late Geoffrey, loved mother-in-law of Rosalie, Griff and the late David, devoted grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, October 31, service 1.30pm at Ramoth United Free Church, Cowbridge, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the funeral home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Mrs. C. James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

ESKINS
Dr Milton

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital - Milton, well known for his time as a Chemistry teacher at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Barry, also for his love and commitment to Barry Athletic Bowls Club. Devoted husband to Ann, loving dad of Sarah, Elizabeth and David, a respected father-in-law to Angela and special brother of Edgar.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Milton is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until a celebration of his life at Crossway Methodist Church, Barry on Thursday, 3 November at 11.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family floral tributes only, donations if desired may be made at the service or via Milton's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk, where you are also welcome to leave your memories and personal messages. All donations to support Diabetes UK in memory of Milton.

GOFFIN
Janice Margaret (née Kemp)

Peacefully at Hazelhurst Nursing Home on October 22, Janice, aged 73 years. Beloved wife of the late Norman (Paddy), much loved mum of Julie and Philip, loved mother-in-law of Darren and Tracey. Cherished nan of Jade, Carys, Lauren, Georgia, Eloise and Kiefer, also great grandchildren Regan and Amelia-Rose.

Janice will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, November 2 at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Alzheimer's Research c/o the funeral director.

HORTON
Pamela
(formerly Johnson née Darke)

Suddenly on October 21, aged 81, at Baltimore House Care Home in Barry. Loving mother of Ruth, Tony, Andy and Dave. Grandmother to Lindsey, John, Brittany, Sam, Ben, Richard and Evie.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors in Barry until the funeral service on Friday, November 4 at 11am at The Chapel, Barry Cemetery, followed by the committal at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to the British Heart Foundation and Welsh Air Ambulance.

JONES
Moira Patricia

Peacefully on October 15 at Y Bwthyn Newydd Specialist Palliative Care Unit. Moira, aged 53, formerly of Treoes, Vale of Glamorgan. Dearly beloved wife of Martyn, devoted loving mother of Cameron and Kristian, treasured sister of Fiona and Donald. Precious sister-in-law of Stephen, Heather, Mandy and Giorgio.

Moira will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at Rosemont Funeral Home until the funeral on Friday, October 28, which will take place at 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, in lieu of flowers, to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Palliative Care Unit, Coity Road, Mid-Glamorgan, CF31 1RQ. Cheques payable to: Y Bwthyn Newydd Endowment fund. Velindre Cancer Care Hospital - By post: Velindre Cancer Centre, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL. Cheques payable to: Velindre Fundraising.

ROBINSON
Mabel (Betty) Elizabeth Ann

Peacefully on October 23 at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, Betty of Crawshay Court, Llantwit Major. Much loved by Paul, Chris and brother John.

Betty will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Thursday, November 3 at 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers or donations, if desired, in lieu of flowers, to The Royal British Legion and Salvation Army c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Bridgend.

JICKELLS
Noreen Louise

Peacefully, on August 20 at Llandough Hospital, Noreen of Barry. Beloved wife of the late John, much loved and sadly missed by all her family.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, November 4, cremation service 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, followed by a memorial service at Porthkerry Church at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Porthkerry Church Restoration (please make cheques payable to Churchwardens of Porthkerry Church) or Arthritis Research UK, both c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

MERRETT
Sidney Raymond Clifford (Ray) FRICS

Peacefully in his 96th year at Llandough Hospital, on October 17. Beloved husband of Peggie, loving father to his late sons Nicholas and Steven, loving father-in-law to Julie, loving grampy to all his grand and great grandchildren.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at Maesgwyn Funeral Home, Main Road, Church Village, Tel: 01443 202058, until the funeral on Tuesday, November 1 at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 11.30am. Family flowers only please by request.

CHAMBERS
Philip Arthur

Peacefully at Orchard House Nursing Home on October 17, Philip, aged 99 years.

Sadly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, November 3 at 2pm followed by Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

SCOTT
John David

Suddenly after a short illness on October 18, John, beloved husband of Sue, much loved dad of Anne and Chris, loved father-in-law of Tony and Amy. A cherished grampy of Harry and Jacob.

John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, November 4 at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for UHW Intensive Care Unit c/o the funeral director.

BEADEL
Charles

Sadly at home on October 14, Charles, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Mavis, much loved dad of Robert and Christopher. Also a loved brother of Eric.

Charles will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service on Wednesday, November 2 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 2pm. No flowers requested, donations in lieu, if so desired, would be gratefully received for The Cat Centre, Chelwood Gate, Hayward Heath, Sussex, RH17 7TT.

BARKER
William (Bill)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on October 14, Bill of Hawthorn Road, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of the late Margaret, much loved dad of Linda, Peter and the late Michael, father-in-law of Robert, Michelle and Jane. Adored grandad to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service in the chapel on Friday, November 4 at 3pm, followed by cremation at The Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 4pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers to diabetes research.

In Memory

WILLIAMS
Ronnie

It's been a year and not a day goes by that we don't think of you, you will always be in our hearts

Love Jayne and grandchildren Natasha, Daniel, Mathew and great grandchildren

xxx

Acknowledgements

CALOE
Joan

The family of the late Joan would like to thank everyone for their kind support, messages of sympathy and for their attendance at her Requiem Mass on 10 October.

Special thanks are due to the staff of Bella Vista Nursing Home and of Ward E4 Llandough Hospital for their care during Joan's declining years and final illness; also to Canon O'Gorman for his kind and sympathetic ministry throughout and Philip Preene of W.H. Preene and Son Funeral Directors, for his totally professional services.

All have been of great comfort and help to the family at this sad time.

SMART
Daniel

Betty wishes to thank all family, friends, neighbours, the kind district nurses and all those who attended Dan's funeral on October 6.

Thank you for the many cards, messages, flowers and generous donations to Air Ambulance, Dan's charity. Thank you to Sister and her staff on Ward East 8, Llandough Hospital. Thanks to the Reverend Philip Challis for his comforting service, to Claire and Jane for your kind support, also to Robert and his team.

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'Absolutely Fabulous' vegan fair

ONCE again, an Absolutely Fabulous vegan fayre will be held at the Paget Rooms, Victoria Road, Penarth (CF64 3EG) on Sunday, October 30 from 11am – 4pm; admission £1 adults, free admission to children.

It's an opportunity for meat eaters, veggies and vegans to look at a healthy lifestyle and change their life. I have been vegan for 10 years and feel amazing. More energy etc.

Yes – we get lots of protein from so many plants etc and the food is now so amazing I can eat anything you eat in a different form. Also, the make-up and skincare etc – is cruelty-free, and lots of fab people come and enjoy at my events.

It may be fun to dress up as witches, wizards, bats and cats, as the day before Hallowe'en. Greyhound Rescue Wales will be in the foyer – Bev Page, and her fab rescued two, will be with us and many other animal rescues have free stalls at my event.

You will love the cakes – hot food – savouries etc and juices and smoothies too! Hope to see you all!

• *For stall info, or more information, call* ***Sue Thomas*** *(organiser, Ab Fab vegan events) on 02920 709292.*

MP takes over controls of a rush hour train

LAST week, Alun Cairns was at the controls of the morning rush hour London to Cardiff train – as the Vale MP saw the latest work on electrifying the line.

He travelled in the driver's cab to see electrification along the route – before getting off at the mouth of the Severn Tunnel to inspect the major upgrade work that closed the tunnel for six weeks.

Mr Cairns highlighted the importance of transport links in a speech to the Institute of Directors in Cardiff, emphasising the economic link between south Wales and the south of England.

He told The GEM: "The closure of the tunnel has been a real challenge for many in the Vale who travel to London or the south west of England for business.

"It's clear, however, that the benefits of the work being carried out far exceed the temporary delays. The UK Government is committed to electrifying the Great Western Main Line, which runs through the Vale and is used by a large number of local people," he vowed.

New airline set for take-off at Cardiff Airport

A NEW airline – Iberia Express – will begin operating a new route to Madrid for the summer 2017 season from Cardiff Airport.

The route, which will operate on Thursdays and Sundays, adds another capital city connection for Wales' national airport. This service will be an ideal travel option for both inbound and outbound leisure and business customers.

Flights to Madrid will provide a convenient opportunity for Welsh football fans to see Real Madrid in action and enjoy a weekend exploring this popular city break destination.

Flights will operate at Easter and then from June to September 2017 and will be on sale from October 27 at iberiaexpress.com

Councillor will give 0.75 per cent pay increase to charity

A BARRY councillor has said he will refuse to take the proposed 0.75 per cent increase on his basic allowance if re-elected.

It comes as the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) has suggested all members should have a 0.75 per cent increase from May next year.

Independent councillor Richard Bertin has objected, saying he can't take a rise while the Vale Council is slashing services – it is proposed that the basic salary for councillors should rise by £100 to £13,400 per annum – he believes the money should go towards supporting services.

The Independent Renumeration Panel says the increase is very modest and will be the first rise for three years.

At a meeting of the democratic services committee, Coun Bertin said he was against such a rise and would like it put on record that he will, if re-elected, be donating his rise to charity.

He explained: "I am sure that the majority of the general public would not at this time support a pay rise for councillors.

"There is no way we should be taking a pay rise while at the same time making severe cuts to services."

Star opens new swimming pool

OLYMPIC silver medalist, Chris Walker-Hebborn visits Bridgend today (October 27, between 11am-2pm) to officially open the UK's first modular swimming pool built specifically for a private learn-to-swim business.

Chris was a shining light in the Rio Olympics as he picked up a silver medal as part of the men's 4 x 100m medley team, and he will be getting in the pool with local children to teach them essential swimming techniques.

Water Wings School is the project of Bridgend woman Alexandra Francis, who has always dreamed of delivering swimming lessons from her own facility.

She says: "At first the idea of owning our own swimming pool to teach Water Wings lessons from was exactly that, an idea. Then I got in touch with Adrian Turner and the team at Total Swimming and it became a reality... a very exciting reality!"

Water Wings has already received good feedback from its users and the number of learners has doubled in the first month since the doors opened.

The pool was constructed by Total Swimming, described as 'the market leader in demountable swimming pool solutions across the UK'.

The Manchester-based company has completed over 50 projects for local authorities, leisure trusts and major leisure providers, but Bridgend is the first for a private swimming school.

The pool is situated at Water Wings Swim School, Unit 12D Kingsway Buildings, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kingsway, Bridgend, CF31 3YH.

ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED WITH 20 ACTS OF KINDNESS

TWENTY acts of kindness within the community are being carried out by parishioners as a church celebrates its 20th birthday.

St Mary's, Brackla was set up in Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary school to serve the surrounding large housing estate and now members are celebrating its anniversary by reaching out to help those less fortunate than themselves.

A variety of acts ranging from food bank donations to hospital visiting, providing items for a local hostel and giving clothes and bedding to a homeless charity has already been carried out by parishioners and more are planned.

"These acts of kindness are intended to serve the community in general and have been successful and rewarding for those involved.

"It is hoped they will help those less fortunate than ourselves and may also lead to long term contact and assistance," said Stuart Davidson of St Mary's, Brackla.

In and out of class at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg

Deg-y-Fan.

WITH year-7 settling in and the primary school growing to year-5, the whole primary school participated in a thanksgiving service on October 20 providing food to the local Foodbank and raising more than £105 in donations for the school's designated charity, Jac Bach.

Congratulations also to the five members of staff who walked Pen-y-Fan 10 times in 18 hours, thus raising a further £2,000 from the school community.

It has been a very busy half-term once again with a variety of extra-curricular activities, in particular sport excelling.

Following a recent house cross country event, the boys' and girls' team gained a very respectable position, and the First XV played Plasmawr on the Arms Park winning 13-7.

NACE Challenge award

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg are delighted with the recent re-accreditation of the NACE Award.

The school is the only Welsh-medium school to receive this accolade and the only 3-19 school throughout Wales. **PS**

'People power can stop excessive house building'

HOW awkward of the Minister Ken Skates to catch the Vale Council out, in stating a bypass for Dinas Powys is a "unique issue" (GEM News pp 4, October 20).

The council has long denied it; their near-finalised LDP (Local Development Plan) excludes any bypass, while they maintain they can expand housing and increase traffic without it.

To change now requires not only inserting this major road construction into the LDP, but also substantial changes at the congested junctions. Are they to plan a flyover junction at The Merrie Harrier and cliff removal at Baron's Court?

If they don't insert it into the LDP, where does that lead the plan, with a transport issue "that has to be resolved"?

The huge housing developments they want at Cosmeston and Sully can only make for gridlock at The Merrie Harrier etc.

Coun Peter King as the cabinet member for transport recently said that "alternative transport links" would make a "lasting impact on traffic volumes", but no-one believes him.

Nor do we believe they'll happen.

Electrification of rail lines to Barry and Penarth is now shelved. Park and ride buses from Cosmeston across the Barrage are ill-conceived, with no bus lanes feasible.

For cycling, they cannot even build an up-to-standard link from Dinas to Pont-y-Werin.

The Minister's statement strengthens the hope that people-power can stop the LDP's highly excessive housebuilding allocations in the eastern Vale, and encourages objections to the latest additions at Upper Cosmeston Farm (due by midnight on Friday, October 28).

With traffic issues to be resolved, the LDP inquiry has to be extended before allocating still more green fields for housing.

Max Wallis,
Planning coordinator,
Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth.

FoE MEET VALE AM TO DISCUSS INCINERATOR

THE next meeting of Barry&Vale Friends of the Earth will be held on Tuesday, November 1 at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Members met with Jane Hutt AM and Neil McEvoy AM, to try to convince them that the Incinerator being constructed on Barry Dock is a waste plant, with a stockpile of more than 200 tons of wood chips.

This means that the Incinerator should have had a full environmental impact assessment that would show it will cause more pollution than Aberthaw Power Station and that it is an accident waiting to happen.

Large fires have occurred on Newport Docks, in the Llynfi Valley and in Coity because the wood chip piles have spontaneously ignited, sending clouds of pollution over a large area.

The houses on Dock View Road are only 160 metres away from this site and local businesses are only10 metres away. To put such a potential fire hazard on Barry's Docks must be the height of madness and we hope that Natural Resources Wales will refuse an operating permit while our Assembly members take immediate action to prevent an environmental crime,

Keith Stockdale
(Barry&Vale Friends of the Earth Coordinator)

PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT at Barry Town Council Offices, Gladstone Road Barry on Thursday, October 27 at 6.30pm.

CADOC – meet your local officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road Barry on Thursday, October 27 between 11am and 1pm.

Court PACTon Thursday, November 3 at 6pm at the Witchell Community Centre, Dyfan Road Barry.

Illtyd PACT at All Saints' Church hall, Park Road, Barry on Monday, November 7 at 7.30pm.

Dinas Powys PACT on Friday, November 4 at 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Edith Road, Dinas Powys.

From left: Michael Sheen, BAFTA Cymru director Hannah Raybould, CAVC chair of governors Geraint Evans, CAVC vice principal Sharon James and performing arts students Meg Jones and Shaun Evans.

Star Sheen opens college theatre that bears his name

HOLLYWOOD star and producer Michael Sheen OBE has paid a visit to Cardiff and Vale College's £45m landmark city centre campus and officially opened its theatre – Theatr Michael Sheen.

During his visit the Welsh star met staff, students, apprentices and partner employers to learn about the college's work to provide a stream of future talent for the creative industries.

Theatr Michael Sheen is a – 100-seat theatre space for student and community performances. The opening featured short addresses from BAFTA Cymru Director Hannah Raybould and Michael Sheen, who said: "We all know about Dr Who, Sherlock, Casualty and things like that have been going on which have created a new sense of confidence in who we are and what we do. People have been coming to Wales for years and years to use our landscapes and communities and people both behind and in front of the camera. It is time that we took ownership of that – this is our country, this is our land and this is our culture.

"We need to create a system to allow that and I think what you are talking about and the aspirations of the college are absolutely true to that."

VALE'S PORTHKERRY COUNTRY PARK IN LINE FOR UK AWARD

PORTHKERRY Country Park has been nominated for 'The UK's Best Park, as voted by YOU! 2016' award, making the final list of over 200 nominated local green spaces from across the UK.

This adds to an already successful year for parks across the Vale of Glamorgan, with seven – including Alexandra Park and Windsor Gardens, Belle Vue Park, Barry's Central Park, Romilly Park, Victoria Park, Knap Gardens and Barry Island Promenade – being awarded Green Flag status earlier in the year.

They received this recognition for their cleanliness, safety, standard of maintenance, community involvement, sustainability, management, conservation and heritage.

Now Porthkerry Country Park is the latest green space in the Vale to receive national recognition, following being nominated for Fields in Trust's best park award. Parks across the UK were open for nomination for the award between September and October, with the resulting nominees now able to be voted for up until 5pm on Wednesday, November 9.

Described as a "beautiful" place "steeped in history", you can vote for Porthkerry Country Park by visiting *www.fieldsintrust.org/bestpark/wales*.

Counc Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "The council's ranger and park teams continue to work extremely hard to ensure that all of our parks can be enjoyed year-round by our residents, and it is fantastic to see that yet another Vale of Glamorgan park is receiving the recognition it deserves."

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Gibbonsdown residents will vote next week

THE Gibbonsdown, Barry, by-election takes place next week, on Thursday, November 3.

The candidates standing are:

Julie Aviet, Welsh Labour / Llafur Cymru.

Jennifer Geroni, Welsh Liberal Democrats / Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru.

Dennis Harkus, Independent.

Shirley Hodges, Plaid Cymru – The Party Of Wales.

Robin Hunter-Clarke, UKIP Wales.

Leighton Rowlands, Welsh Conservative Party.

UKIP's candidate in the by-election has told The GEM that he will be retiring from his position on Lincolnshire County Council in May so he can concentrate on representing people in the Vale if he is elected.

Last week, The GEM listed the candidates standing, and also reported that Mr Robin Hunter-Clarke of UKIP had declined to comment on how he would combine roles which could include being a councillor on two councils.

The GEM attempted to contact him via email, but Mr Hunter-Clarke explained that he had not received the emails, adding that he was keen to comment.

He told The GEM:"I am retiring as a Lincolnshire County councillor in May, and will fulfil my commitment to the residents who elected me. That is the right thing to do.

"I was almost elected as an MP at the last election, and achieved the second best general election result for UKIP in the entire country.

"I now live and work in Wales and want to bring about real change for the people of the Vale and the residents of Gibbonsdown.

"Labour have taken people's votes for granted for far too long in this area, and I will do all I can using my experience in local government to deliver that change for the residents if they choose to elect me."

Julie Aviet, the Labour candidate, responded: "It's ridiculous that UKIP are trying to attack the Labour Party to try and get out of explaining how their candidate is going to represent this area whilst also being a councillor 260 miles away in Lincolnshire.

"It's just wrong and I think we deserve better than that in Gibbonsdown."

'Lights could save lives'

I HAVE asked the local council on numerous occasions to install traffic lights at the junction/cross roads at Barry Road/Robbins Lane/Main Street.

To exit Robbins Lane onto Barry Road, whether turning right, left or crossing over to Main Street, is a case of risking life and limb.

Exiting Robbins Lane, it is impossible to see around a bend that totally blocks you from seeing oncoming traffic or for the oncoming traffic to see you.

It takes a lot of skill and courage to get out of Robbins Lane and is always 50/50 as to whether you will make a successful exit. I take a sharp intake of breath everytime I use this junction and wait for the impact of a car slamming into the side of me, as every exit is purely guesswork.

Each time I have requested lights on the junction/cross roads, I am informed there has to be a fatality before the request can be considered.

It comes to something that lives have to be lost before anyone will do anything about an extremely dangerous predicament that can take the life of an adult, child or whole families.

The situation has been made worse trafficwise since Tesco were given permission to open a supermarket on the corner which in all fairness, the area needed, as all local shops such as a bakery and greengrocers have disappeared from the area, leaving locals having to travel for requirements.

I do not class all these overpriced corner shops as meeting the needs of the community.

Cadoxton is not at the top of the list for money to be spent on it, unlike the Island or The Knap.

Yes, Main Street and Vere Street have had a facelift, but if the rest of Barry saw these streets prior to the facelift – they were shocking, shameful, disgraceful, disgusting.

If the council can afford to re-vamp their offices and afford annual pay rises, they can certainly afford to install traffic lights at the site in question.

Anne Usher,
Barry.

AM ABSEILS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

CAROLINE Jones, a former physical education teacher who is now a UKIP Assembly member for South Wales West, abseiled down the British Telecom tower in Swansea in aid of Children In Need.

Money is being contributed via a link on their computers. "I thoroughly enjoyed it once I got over the initial nervous feeling," said Ms Jones, UKIP's health spokeswoman in Wales.

Local karate students enjoy camp

COWBRIDGE Karate Jutsu Kai (CKJK) held a residential camp at Amelia Trust Farm over the weekend of October 15/16.

In addition to lots of karate practice, activities included fitness training, tile and concrete block breaking, and a very enjoyable aikido session with guest instructor Renshi Laura Williams of Treorcy Aiki Ryu.

The camp was attended by over 40 junior and senior students, all of whom showed tremendous spirit and commitment.

Many congratulations to all who successfully graded on camp – particularly our three new sempais Will Birt, Sophie Isles and Katherine Downs, who achieved their 1st Dan black belts, plus Stephen Thompson and Huw Price, who both achieved 2nd Dan.

Our thanks also to sempai Mora Garside for all the behind the scenes work she puts into organising and booking our club events.

The club runs three sessions per week at Cowbridge Leisure Centre – Monday (juniors 6pm-7pm/seniors 7pm-8.30pm), Tuesday (kata class 6pm–7pm) and Friday (mixed juniors & seniors 6pm-7pm). All are welcome regardless of age or ability with the first two sessions free to beginners.

Pictured above (from left) are: Will Birt, Sophie Isles, Katherine Downs (1st Dans), Stephen Thompson, Huw Price (2nd Dans).

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November fayre in Barry church

ON Saturday, November 5, there will be a fayre at St Paul's Church Hall, Barry, next to High Street School.

The fayre will be packed with goods, all at the lower prices for which the Churches of St Paul's and Merthyr Dyfan are well known. Stalls will include Christmas gifts, books, CDs and DVDs, homemade cakes and savouries, toys, bottle stall, toiletries and jewellery, home produce and jams.

There will be a grand prize draw with a £50 cash prize, a drinks and grocery hamper and many more prizes, and a 'prize every time' stall.

Admission to the fayre for all children is free, and for adults is £1, with doors open at 2pm.

All proceeds are in aid of the continuing work of St Paul's Church – the First Anglican Church built for the new town of Barry, and the ancient Parish Church of Merthyr Dyfan in Merthyr Dyfan Lane, Colcot, Barry. Also, this year the churches are supporting the Barry Foodbank in St Mary's Church for those families who are greatly in need.

Double dance award

ALUN CAIRNS MP, Secretary of State for Wales, attended a presentation evening at the Anthea M King School of Dancing in the Victoria Park Community Hall, Barry on Saturday.

The school is celebrating 35 years this year and has been awarded silver in 'Dance School of the Year' and also received a High Achiever Award for Performance (both for the second year running).

The Vale MP presented the pupils with their certificates and reports from the performance awards/medal tests that the pupils performed in June and also saw the younger children perform a dancing display in front of their parents/family.

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THE UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUES AS... Llantwit Major RFC run in seven tries

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC's unbeaten home record continued on Saturday with a comprehensive seven try, 47–21, win over Tonyrefail RFC.

Some rare autumnal sunshine and a sharp cold sea breeze greeted the teams at kick off.

Llantwit took a while to settle into the match as a series of errors provided a stop start game in the first quarter and saw them camped in their own half.

They soon warmed up though when a rare visit into the Tonyrefail half saw an impressive scrum against the head.

Quick ball between the half backs Rhys Balmont and Josh Austin released the three quarters with wing Lee Wood finishing off a fine move with a try, converted by Austin.

Next up was an individual converted try for hard-working Gareth Watts showing great speed and an even better dummy pass for a flanker, leaving the Tonyrefail defence in his wake as he ran in under the posts from 30 metres out.

Llantwit were now in full control of the game as the pack dominated the set pieces, with loose-head Geraint David having a solid game, dominating his much larger opponent at the scrum and putting in a hard shift at the tackle area.

He was duly supported by his senior colleague, tight-head Tony Burrows, who must be one of only a few players still playing at the sprightly age of 46 while also holding the accolade of being a grandfather!

The forward dominance was soon rewarded with some scintillating back play,. Amove across the pitch with good handling and quick feet by centre Robin Lock set up wing Luke Dawes to cross in at the top corner accompanied by another big conversion kick from Austin.

As half-time approached Llantwit then picked up their bonus point with a peach of a try. Some more fine back play saw man of the match Balmont turn the Tonyrefail defence with a lovely weighted long grubber kick for speedster fullback Rory Budina to chase after, grounding the bobbling ball with a naturally acrobatic dive.

The only blip to the home side's performance came with some weak tackling allowing Tonyrefail to take a converted try of their own before the half ended at 28-7.

The second half began with a reversal in dominance as Tonyrefail, to their credit, battled back into the game, applying pressure in the Llantwit 22, ending with a home side sin-binning and Tonyrefail crossing the whitewash for a converted try.

Llantwit, though, if given any space have such quick three quarters they will always look to counter attack, and their fifth try came from such a move, with wing Dawes taking a catch from a kick deep in his own half.

Setting off on a long looping run around the Tonyrefail backs, he was eventually brought down close to the line, but good support from forwards Shaun Shea and Jamie Lewis allowed Lewis to power over for an unconverted try.

Next up was another example of the skilful back line, a credit to both player and backs coach Robin Lock, who is always at the heart of the moves, on this occasion putting a perfectly weighted pass to speedster Budina to race over and bring the haul to 40 points with a converted try.

Tonyrefail still were not done and again battled back for a consolation try of their own.

The final period unfortunately saw two moments of ill discipline, souring an otherwise good natured game.

The first saw speedster Budina taken out by a cynical shoulder barge, probably out of frustration by a Tonyrefail defender, with a sin-binning the punishment as Budina was carried off with an injury.

Llantwit, though, were to go one better as they received a completely un-necessary red card as one of the replacement forwards was sent for an early shower for some illegal footwork.

The game did end as it should, however, with some more fine passing and running for a good individual try, as Austin capped a fine kicking performance with a strong run of his own, going over at the bottom corner, this time converted by Ryan Evans to end the game at 47-19.

This week is an intriguing one as round three of the National Bowl returns to the Recreation Ground, kick-off 2:30pm.

Llangefni RFC will be the visitors after making a 240 mile trek from the Isle of Anglesea, as one of the most northern teams in Wales plays one of the southernmost teams in the cup competition.

AH

Bridge results

RESULTS of the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for October 24:

1st Debbie Richards & Liam Sheridan 65.48%, 2nd Julia Evans & Cherry Cadwallader 57.14, 3rd= James Mangles & Amy Owen, Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 55.95.

LE

Lansdown save earns league leaders a point

TOP-of-the-table Llantwit Major welcomed Gwent team Treowen to Windmill Lane.

Manager Karl Lewis was again without regulars and had to rotate the team. Treowen came into the game off the back of a cup upset against division one side Risca, so were brimming with confidence.

For much of the first half, the visitors were the better team as they stopped the Seasiders playing.

Treowen took the lead on five minutes as Llantwit failed to clear their lines and the ball dropped to a Treowen midfielder in the box and with a great finish, he guided it into the bottom corner.

The Gwent side dictated play throughout the first half but struggled to create chances. The second half brought out a new Llantwit Major as they started to gain control.

Wingers Rob Jones and Mike Flavel began to break down the Treowen defence and striker Luke Cox brought midfielders Butler, Fletcher and Kristian Smith into the game.

Llantwit finally got a deserved equaliser on 70 minutes as Cox won a corner. A great delivery by Rob Jones saw captain Rhys Llewelyn head the ball home at the front post. Llantwit pushed for the winner but failed to create chances.

Treowen had a chance to win the game in the dying minutes as the striker went through on goal but goalkeeper Jack Lansdown pulled off a great save to earn Major a well-deserved draw.

This weekend, Llantwit travel to Panteg.

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PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB ROUND-UP

AFTER successive drawn games, Penarth Hockey Club first XI were keen to take as much as they could from a meeting with mid-table Devizes, and duly led the way on another weekend of mixed results in the GoCrea8 league.

Penarth's 1st XI welcomed Devizes to Stanwell School following back-to-back draws against top-of-the-table opposition, at two weeks the longest run without a victory for the Vale side in over a year.

As a result, the Bears were determined to get themselves back into the habit of collecting three points rather than one in Conference North, and this resolve was evident within the first five minutes, as Andrew Willemite claimed his first league goal for the club following good work from Chris Baker on the right side of midfield.

Clearly liking the feeling he got from his opener, Willemite duly doubled his tally just minutes later, this time after a series of intricate passes around the Devizes' 'D' between Joe Thomas, Ben Croxall and Phil Lane.

With tails firmly up, Penarth continued to apply pressure to their West Country visitors and quickly found themselves 3-0 up with the clock still showing fewer than 20 minutes of action as Usman Dhami fired the ball inside the goalkeeper's near post after a penalty corner.

Meanwhile, any attempts by Devizes to turn the game around were thwarted by a strong defensive performance, as captain Tom Haran, Richard John, Mark Thomas and Marcus Powell consistently beat their opponents to the ball and effortlessly turned defence into attack.

Last season's top goalscorer, Laith El-Khatib, has some work to do if he is to retain his crown after a late start to 2016-17, but opened his account with Penarth's fourth, before Croxall found the back of the net in the only manner he is familiar with this year, from the penalty spot.

That brace sent Penarth into half-time with a commanding 5-0 lead but, after a quiet first period, goalkeeper Adam Putt was called on more frequently after the break and made a number of good saves to keep Devizes at bay.

The visitors did manage to get themselves on the board after 50 minutes via a penalty stroke of their own, but this only spurred Penarth on to greater heights, and forwards Lane, Willemite and Jack Jopson continued to test the opposing keeper.

In the end, it was Willemite who added to his rapidly burgeoning tally with a further two goals to bring the final score to 7-1, capping an impressive team display by the Bears.

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY B 3, PENARTH A 1

Penarth's draw against league leaders Swansea two weekends ago allowed Cardiff University to leapfrog the second city side and assume top spot in De Cymru 1, meaning Penarth's difficult start to the season continued against another side occupying the frontrunning role in the division.

The students had made an impressive start to the season, with three wins from three, so Penarth travelled to Tal-y-bont expecting a hard game but remaining optimistic that they could take something from the encounter to continue building on their own solid – if unspectacular – first few games.

It was the visitors who started best, creating several good chances in the opening exchanges, only to see them kept out by an excellent Cardiff keeper, and the longer the frustration went on, the more the University began to dominate.

Pressing Penarth hard forced the Bears back further into their own half, and it wasn't too long before the pressure paid off as the student side took the lead midway through the first half.

They then doubled their advantage shortly after with a fantastic goal on the break, but Penarth did not let the setback rattle them and continued to create chances.

Some excellent work by the Penarth defence set up several counter-attacks, only for David Joyce to find the Cardiff stopper in inspired form, but it was the forward who eventually got the Bears back into the game, beating the keeper just before half-time after a pinpoint pass from Andrew Hornby.

The second half continued in much the same form as the first, with Cardiff dominating and the Bears keeping them at bay. While Penarth centre backs Craig Llewellyn and Jamie Davison repelled waves of Cardiff pressure, goalkeeper Simon Comfort proved up to the task on the occasions they were outnumbered, but the visitors struggled to build prolonged periods of possession, despite still looking dangerous on the counter.

Cardiff were quick to snuff out any surprise attacks, often committing cynical fouls in midfield in the process and it was Penarth who were first reduced to ten men after voicing anger at the lack of proper punishment for the continued fouls.

Cardiff capitalised on the uneven numbers by burying a drag flick with ten minutes to go and, although Penarth pushed to get back into the game as a succession of penalty corners allowed Joyce to continue his duel with the Cardiff keeper, it was the latter who came out on top to ensure the game ended 3-1 in the students' favour.

GWENT B 2, PENARTH B 3

A strong Penarth third string travelled to Malpas to take on a Gwent side which had soundly beaten the club's 'C' team the previous week but, with second XI regular Steve Davis joining Matt Birch and Dave Watkins to form a potent attack, the skipper was confident his side would prove too hot for the hosts to handle.

That optimism appeared misplaced as the home team started the better, and Penarth, missing the calming influence of Rob Harrison, proved sloppy in possession, allowing their significantly younger opponents to take an early lead with a fine goal that gave goalkeeper Jason Harris no chance.

During this early period, Harris needed all his experience to prevent Gwent extending their lead before the feisty Nathan Townsend managed to get a grip in midfield and the tide began to turn.

Calm and disciplined defending from James Davies and the returning Richard Bromiley was then a key feature of a first half which saw the usually deadly Watkins waste several chances to open his account.

After the break, the match took on a very different tone with Mark Robinson and Townsend completely dominating the middle of the pitch. This contributed to two fine individual goals by skipper Watkins to atone for his earlier profligacy, sandwiching a superb penalty corner strike by Simon Wilkinson which gave the visitors a commanding two-goal lead with time running out.

Although some sloppy play allowed Gwent to reduce the deficit and set up a tense last few minutes, there were no further alarms for Penarth, who ran out deserved winners in a key game for the promotion ambitions.

SWANSEA CITY C 7 PENARTH C 0

The recently-reformed fourth XI was also in De Cymru 3 action, travelling west to renew the rivalry with Swansea already propagated by the senior sides the previous weekend.

Despite again missing skipper Nick Pratt, who was called upon to umpire the game, as well as several other senior players, the C-siders were only 1-0 down at the interval and proving good competition for their experienced opponents.

However, playing with a bare 11-man squad against a Swansea side fielding five substitutes was always going to take its toll on Penarth and, with injuries biting after the break , it was the home side who pulled away, adding to their lead at regular intervals throughout the second period despite best efforts of man-of-the-match Luke Williams, who was playing his first ever game of hockey in the pads and kickers!

All four Penarth sides will be in action this weekend, with the first XI taking on local rivals Whitchurch A in the capital, while the seconds need an improved performance if they are to keep realistic promotion hopes alive as they face Gwent A at Stanwell (1.45pm start).

The third and fourth XIs, meanwhile, play out the first of several league derbies (noon start) ahead of the seconds' game, ensuring a full afternoon of hockey on home turf.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability.

Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7.00pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

CL

Bad start to new season for the Sully bowlers

SULLY Indoor Bowls club championship team have had a poor start to the new season, losing both opening games, firstly on October 8 away to Port Talbot who were relegated last season, but were always going to be formidable opponents, and then home to Newport last Saturday who are always a difficult proposition.

The Port Talbot game came early in the new season with many Sully players short of practice and with Port Talbot fielding a number of top class players including some leading junior players Sully were always going to be up against it.

Port Talbot got off to a quick start and with the Sully team short of a number of players, unavailable for a variety or reasons, they were always likely to struggle on a green yards quicker than the Sully green.

After five ends Port Talbot had gone into a useful 17 shot lead, 37-20; unfortunately the rink of John Best, Alan Rees, Peter Hocking and skip Carl Best were up against a Port Talbot rink skipped by renowned international bowler John Price and were 12-0 down.

As the game progressed Port Talbot continued to pressurise the Sully rinks but two Sully rinks, skipped by Fred Phillips and Matt Gershenson, were both managing to hold a four shot advantage over their opponents, leading 12-8 and 10-6 respectively after the 10th end.

The other Sully rinks skipped by Dave Curtis, Chris Ackland and Ken McLeod were now competing well, but at this stage Port Talbot still held an 18 shot lead mainly due to the rink of John Price, who was playing brilliant bowls. They increased their advantage over Best's rink to 18, leading 19-1.

Through ends 11 to 15, Port Talbot increased their advantage to 28 shots with the Sully rinks skipped by Ackland, McLeod and Curtis losing ground to their opponents, behind by seven, 11 and four shots respectively, while Best clawed five shots back and with Phillips and Gershenson remaining ahead four shots apiece, the overall score now stood at 69-97 in favour of the home side.

Over the closing ends Sully continued to struggle and the rinks of McLeod and Curtis lost out to their opponents by 16 and 12 shots respectively with Best's rink always under the cosh, finally losing by 20 shots.

Ackland's rink fought back well, eventually going down by just one shot, 19-20, leaving the rinks of Charles Coomber, Graham Brown, Paul Webley and Fred Phillips to win by four, along with the rink of Phil Gershenson, John Jones, Graham Cogbill and Matt Gershenson scraping home by two shots as the only Sully winning rinks.

Port Talbot gained 18 points to Sully's four points, winning overall by 43 shots, 97-140.

Sully welcomed Newport to Sully Stadium last Saturday expecting a close game as in previous years.

Sully were hoping to get their league challenge back on track but were only too aware that they would have to be at the top of their game to get a result.

Sully got off to a poor start with Newport taking full advantage going into a 13 shot lead at the end of the fifth with all Sully rinks behind.

Eventually Sully players began to compete and were now playing well with the rink of Brian Gist, John Jones, Graham Cogbill and skip Matt Gershenson taking a four shot lead, helping to close the gap to one by the end of the 10th with the score now 55-56.

Over the next five ends Sully began to take charge on four of the six rinks and although the rinks of Brian Griffiths and Ken McLeod were both behind by six shots apiece, Sully had retained their lead at the 15th end, 84-82.

The game was now entering the final quarter and Sully were now in a winning position and with the rinks of Dick Cowling, Chris Ackland and Matt Gershenson winning their games by five, seven and two shots respectively.

Sully were looking good but the remaining rinks went into meltdown. Fred Phillips' rink, including Andrew Morgan, Steve Close and Peter Hocking, had led a very good Newport rink up to end 18 then dropped a seven and a four on the final end when attempting to recover their deficit, losing 18-27.

The rink of Gary Eastment, Clive Collins, Dave Curtis and Brian Griffiths scored four shots on the first end but that was the only time they were ahead as their opposition won 13 ends to Sully's eight, winning 18-28.

Ken McLeod, supported by John Best, Roy Richards and Rod Hudson, struggled all through the game never getting to grips with their opponents, eventually losing by eight shots, 12-20.

Having been in a positive position at the16th end Sully were disappointed to lose this game by 13 shots, 112-125, and taking only six points against Newport's 16.

This Saturday Sully travel to Pontypridd to take on Taff Ely, who have had an excellent start to their season.

FP

Drew returns to haunt former club as Barry Town United ease to win

Barry celebrate a goal. All pictures by Same Old Smith Photography & Video

Drew Fahiya on the attack.

Lee Baldock (left) and Jordan Cotterill line up a freekick.

FORMER Port Talbot Town forward Drew Fahiya proved to be the scourge of his former club at the weekend, as the ex-Welsh Premier League marksman helped his hometown team Barry Town United to an exciting 4-1 win over the Steelmen at Jenner Park.

Fahiya, who had scored for Port Talbot in their 2010 Welsh Cup final against Bangor City, has endured a frustrating Welsh League campaign to date, but capped his return from injury with a brilliant brace, lifting Gavin Chesterfield's side to within touching distance of the top of Division One.

In spite of a pair of successive defeats on the road, Barry's sparkling home record in the division now puts them three points behind leaders Goytre, with a game in hand - and the home side racked up the goal difference on Saturday, against former Welsh Premier League opposition.

Birthday boy Jordan Cotterill wasted little time in breaking the deadlock, scoring in the fourth minute to delight the 400-plus home supporters. Fahiya then made it two, before a cool finish from Jonathan Hood offered fresh hope of a Port Talbot revival, moments before half-time.

Sadly for the visiting fans, their comeback proved to be a fleeting one, with Fahiya restoring Barry's two-goal advantage shortly after the break.

It was then left to TJ Nagi to fire home the fourth, carrying the ball from the left flank and beating three defenders, before converting from 10 yards. A second half dismissal would only add to the visitors' misery and with Chesterfield making a handful of substitutions ahead of the midweek Nathaniel MG Cup quarter-final, the 4-1 result saw the Barry manager collect his 600th all-time point at the club, a record for the Jenner Park side.

Following Tuesday's quarter-final with Haverfordwest County, the Town head to neighbours Llantwit Major in the Welsh League Cup on Saturday, October 29, before hosting Welsh League Division One adversaries Penybont in the Welsh Cup at Jenner Park the following weekend.

AC

The Dinas Powys ladies edge top of the table clash

DINAS POWYS ladies were again on their travels this weekend as they had a top-of-the-table clash against Splott Albion.

The home side started very brightly in the opening exchanges, keeping Dinas pinned in. The Splott forwards had a few chances as they found themselves through on goal but with poor finishing, they failed to break the deadlock.

Alex Allen, Leanne Pattermore, Kelly Tuck and Vicki Elison weathered the early 20-minute storm, showing their experience.

Sam Saunders and Jo Jones started to get to grips with the middle and slowly Dinas got back into the game. The introduction of Molly Chapman on 30 minutes was a massive turning point as her pace and willingness to work lifted the girls.

At the break a few issues were addressed, which saw the visitors on top right from the whistle. Laura Murray, playing through the pain barrier, could have opened the scoring but fired over from 15 yards.

Gemma Crowley fired wide from 25 yards and Laura Lewis snapped at a chance when she failed to realise she had time to take a touch; but you could sense it was only a matter of time.

As the game opened up, Albion won a corner and their number 9 was the fastest to react, heading home after the ball bounced off the crossbar.

Within minutes though Molly Chapman and Murray linked up for Chapman to equalise. It was then all Dinas, forcing corner after corner.

Albion, however, scored a goal from one of these, hitting Dinas with a good counterattack. This only spurred the villagers on and they changed to 3-4-3 for the final 15 minutes.

Dinas then threw the kitchen sink at their opponents. The three forwards proved too hot to handle and Laura Murray managed to draw Dinas level.

With only minutes remaining, another Dinas corner fell to the feet of Chapman, who drilled the ball home from five yards.

Murray thought she had increased the lead in the final minute as she managed to squeeze her shot across the goal, only for it to bounce out off the post. Beare, Bowles and Page all put in shifts in the second half and wouldn't lie down.

The attitude from all the squad was superb, honest hard work and the desire to go the extra mile for team mates is vital.

Training twice a week has had the desired affect on the girls as they are becoming fitter. Molly Chapman showed the reaction the coaches were looking for with a woman of the match performance.

The previous week, the Dinas ladies fought out a hard-working draw against a spirited Aberdare Ladies to continue their unbeaten run.

Failure to produce from dead ball situations early on in the game cost the Villagers. The visitors had an early warning as the home side forced the Dinas keeper, Naomi Wilson, into a fine reflex save, tipping a 20-yard strike over.

Dinas tried to force the game but Laura Murray and Molly Chapman were guilty of poor finishing. It was always was going to be one of those days, as too many Dinas girls didnt seem at the races.

Taylor Page thought she had snatched the winner late on as her shot struck the upright, and brave defending denied Chapman at the back post.

Thankfully though, the defence showed their quality, ensuring the home attacks fizzled out early. Vicki Ellison and Leanne Pattermore marshalled them throughout to ensure a clean sheet with Beare, Crowley, O'Connell and Imperato, rotating as fullbacks, all standing strong.

LS

Community Chest gives local sports a helping hand

THIRTEEN sporting organisations from across the Vale have recently received a share of funds totalling £16, 817 to help them increase participation in sport across their county.

Barry Wolves Football Club, Barry Wanderers Cricket Club, Barry Town United Ladies Football Club, Barry Rugby Football Club Mini and Juniors, Inter Penarth Amateur Football Club, Penarth Hockey Club, Sully Sports Football Club, Dinas Powys Amateur Football Club, Rhoose Athletic Football Club, Island Marine Football Club under-7s and Penarth Ladies Hockey have all benefitted from funding.

The grants can be used to send coaches and volunteers on training courses.

Some organisations were awarded funding to buy new equipment that would accommodate extra club members. The funding awarded to Dinas Powys Amateur Football Club, for example, will assist with developing a structure for girls; this will include establishing a junior girls section at the club.

LS Haven Air Target Club, meanwhile, plan to increase opportunities at the club for disabled people to try air target shooting.

The Community Chest panel has also recognised the fantastic contribution that the volunteers of Vale of Glamorgan Mini Football League make in helping hundreds of youngsters from across the Vale be more active on a regular basis.

The Vale Council's sports and play development team manage the Sport Wales Community Chest funding scheme, which can provide up to £1,500 to clubs and organisations that can demonstrate they are going to increase participation levels or improve standards. The types of organisations that can apply include sports clubs or associations, youth clubs, residents groups and other community groups.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said of the funding available: "Sporting clubs and communities provide fantastic opportunities for residents in the Vale to remain fit and healthy in a fun, social environment. The Community Chest allows these organisations to further increase these opportunities."

The next Community Chest panel meeting takes place on November 24 with a deadline for applications of November 10. There is still money available in the Community Chest pot for the Vale, so if you would like to discuss a potential application, contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793 or email KJDavies@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Young footballers pay their respects

TEAMS from every age group in the Vale of Glamorgan mini section showed their respects for the Aberfan disaster with a minute's silence before the matches last Saturday.

Teddy bears and flowers were placed in the centre of the pitches.

Lee Saunders told The GEM: "This was a very touching and lovely gesture from the teams, I'm extremely proud to be the chairman of the section."

Barry RFC senior rugby round-up

Teinan Scott gets in ahead of the defender to add to Barry's lead.

Dave Taylor capped off the win with a try.

Barry's first XV sealed their third win of the season against Gilfach Goch on Saturday, and HOWARD POOLE caught the action - ABOVE: Luke O'Sullivan crosses the line for a try.

BARRY RFC second XV were unable to reverse their poor league form, despite a scintillating attacking performance in this Vale derby against Dinas Powys.

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were once again faced with numerous last minute withdrawals from a number of players with a variety of reasons.

They were forced to once again delve deep in the club's resources to field a squad of 19, with seven changes to the starting line-up.

Barry shrugged off the less than ideal preparations and fired the first shot. A neat exchange in midfield saw Danny Ryan pierce the Dinas defence, and he beat the last man to score his third try of the season. Ryan was unable to add the extras.

This was however a false dawn as Barry's frailties appeared almost immediately after taking the lead. Non-existent tackling around the fringes allowed Dinas to march forward and score a converted try.

Ryan and his opposite kicker exchanged penalties as the lead briefly changed hands, but despite having the advantage of the elements Barry were unable to form a cohesive defensive unit.

Dinas rattled up the tries in the next 20 minutes, taking advantage of more poor tackling.

Barry did look dangerous with ball in hand but they were outmuscled and outfought in the contact area.

When they finally had some meaningful possession, they created an opportunity out wide, where veteran David Provis finished expertly to bring Barry back in the game. Ryan was unable to add the extras, leaving the score at 22-13 at half-time.

Barry fought back after the interval as they began controlling their possession better, and got on the scoresheet again when Ryan broke free to score his second try of the game.

His conversion meant that the green-and-whites were now only two points behind.

Barry poured forward and this time it was Dinas who had no reply, and they seemed to have taken the lead when Joel Williams broke and fed Ryan who ran in for his hat-trick, only for the official to spot a non-existent forward pass.

Barry would not recover from that set back as their defence buckled under pressure, not aided by a serious injury to prop Ashley Brown – we obviously wish him a speedy recovery.

Dinas scored again as the game broke up, but Barry never gave up as an attacking unit.

First Dylan Robertson waltzed through a bamboozled defence to score under the posts, with Ryan adding the extras.

The hosts extended their lead again but Ryan would get the hat-trick try that his performance deserved, before Barry scored a superb team try at the death, with Joe McCann finishing off a wonderful attacking move. Ryan added the conversion to take his points tally to 26, the final score 59–41.

It was a disappointing result for the side which showed glimpses of promise in attack, but once again the frailties in defence let them down in another game that they could have won.

Barry second XV will return to action after the autumn internationals in December.

Team: Robertson; Chucas, Ryan, Provis, Poole; Williams (capt), McCann; Hall, Brown, Hunt; Deyes, Rolfe; Morris, Goodfellow, McTavish.

Replacements: Corne, Turnbull, Ashill, Pugh.

Barry RFC third XV finally returned to action as they hosted Llandaff Second XV in what was their first game since their cup final appearance last season.

Caretaker manager Gerwyn Pugh was buoyed by the return of some long term absentees as the third XV finally managed to get a competitive side together.

As it was, they produced a highly entertaining game which went end-to-end with a glut of tries by both sides.

Scrum-half Ashley Adams bagged a brace to send his side on their way to a bonus-point victory.

Captain Nick Rolfe led by example and also crossed. There was also a try for fly-half Chris Bailey, full back Tom Poole, and a first try of his career for Joe Chucas.

Substitute Alyn Evans added another try to his column when he came off the bench to complete an emphatic, 45-32 win.

Credit must be given to their opponents Llandaff, who fought right to the end and produced some superb performances and tries of their own, to add to the fact that they arrived with only 12 men.

Barry third XV will return to action in two weeks when they visit Llanishen.

Team: Poole; Rees, Mathews, Chucas; Bailey, Adams; Hunt, Turnbull, Fortt; Jones, Ivins; Rolfe (capt), Ashill, J Evans.

Replacements: E Evans, A Evans, Miles, Goodfellow.

KC

On and Off TheTurf – with Brian Lee

THE GEM's horse racing correspondent Brian Lee has more than one string to his bow.

He's also well known for his books about his beloved Cardiff and since his first one, *Cardiff Remembered*, was published in the 'Images of Wales' series in 1997, he's compiled a number of others, and The History Press has just re-published his *Central Cardiff* book, which was first published in 1998.

Brian, who celebrated his 80th birthday in July, said: "There has been a lot of changes in Cardiff over the last 10 years or so and I had a lot of updating to do."

Central Cardiff is published by The History Press at £13.99.

GEORGE SAVES THE DAY

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan sent three horses on the 370-mile journey to far-flung Kelso last Saturday.

After the first of them, recent winner *Ballyrock*, had pulled-up in the handicap chase and his next runner *Presenting Red* finished fourth of seven runners in the novices' hurdle just over 40 minutes or so later, Tim must have thought that the long trip home was going to be even longer.

However, in the closing Conditional Jockeys' Training Series Handicap Hurdle, teenager George Blackwell from the Vale, son of former leading point-to-point rider Steve Blackwell, gave his boss something to smile about when bringing home the top-weighted *Bassarabad* two lengths ahead of *Binowagh Bay*.

Bassarabad, a six-year-old bay gelding, went off the 15-8 favourite and the odds are that we will be hearing a lot more about both horse and rider in the future.

MINSTREL BEATEN A NECK

Llancarfan's Evan Williams saw his *Court Minstrel*, the 14-1 rank outsider in a field of five runners, beaten by just a neck by the favourite *Hargam* in the listed Better Odds With Betfair Exchange Hurdle at Kempton Park on Sunday.

Court Minstrel, a winner at Perth and Chepstow last season, was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

Brian Lee

Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 18 are as follows:

1st Peter Millar & Mike Close 68.23%; 2nd Debbie Richards & Noelle Bond 58.33; 3rd Mick Green & Denis Mottram 57.29. Peter Millar and Mike Close also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

DR

Ten of the best for Rhoose under-14s

AFC Rhoose under-14s stormed to a 10-1 victory over a competitive Island Marine side.

Rhoose started strongly with wingers Iestyn Wills, Ewan Heywood and Daniel Bacon threatening out wide and it was Wills who played through Connor Booker, who found Kieran Daw, who slotted home Rhoose's first goal.

The dominant midfield trio of Ben Cope, Spencer Williams and Tomas Adams continued to pass through the defence and it was Adams who won a free kick, which was drilled into the bottom corner by Connor Booker.

Rhoose continued to defend valiantly with full backs Rhys J and Tori Brenden-Ireland stopping the threat down the flanks and centre backs Kai Scurlock and Joe Parry winning every challenge.

Despite Island Marine pulling a goal back, Rhoose added a third after Connor Booker's cross found Spencer Williams, who finished superbly into the bottom corner.

Both Connor Booker and Kieran Daw added two more goals to complete their hat-tricks.

Adam Schufflebotham scored a terrific penalty against his old club to increase Rhoose's lead to 8-1.

Connor Booker added his fourth and Rhoose's ninth after a brilliant ball over the top from Kieran Daw.

Stephen Williams made a string of fine saves to keep Island Marine at bay, and Isaac McBride and Cole Clarke continued to battle for Rhoose.

Clarke rounded off Rhoose's rampant display with a thunderous first time strike from outside the box as Rhoose added another strong performance to their campaign.

DC

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Club Championship gets under way at Barry Chess Club

THIS has been an unusually quiet week in terms of our league commitments with only one match to play. However, internally we completed the first round of the Barry Club Championship.

The entries into the Club Championship have reduced this year with only 17 of our players opting to take part.

I took the decision to run only two sections and play five rounds of matches. The cut off point for deciding whether players were restricted to competing in the Open Section is a rating of 1400 and above.

Those players rated below 1400 are entered into the Plate but in the event of an exceptional performance, any one of the lower-rated players could win the Open Section.

Three byes were requested, leaving 14 players to contest the first round. As it is a Swiss style competition the top seven ranked players on the night each played an opponent from the Plate section.

You would expect the Open players to defeat the Plate players as there was at least 300 points rating differential on each board.

Five of the games went as expected but the odd games included a draw between John Stephenson and David Jones. David continues his unbeaten start to the season and also currently sits in fifth place in the Alec Wood Trophy.

The other game that did not go according to expectations featured Peter Watkins. I had to play him as a late replacement for the unwell Summer Cooke.

There may not be 300 rating points between us but recently I have been playing like someone who is rated well below Peter.

Peter eventually lost on time to give me my first win of the season and put me at the top of the Plate table.

In the second division of the East Glamorgan Chess League, the Camelots travelled to Whitchurch to play the Cheetahs.

The Cheetahs have made a good start to the season and occupy one of the promotion spots.

The Camolots are much lower in the table and a tough game was expected. Excellent wins for Chris Green and Tom Cooke on the bottom boards, supplemented by a draw from Matthew Parry means we went home with a draw.

The Camelots sit just outside the bottom three but the draw gives us an extra tie break point that could prove vital at the end of the season.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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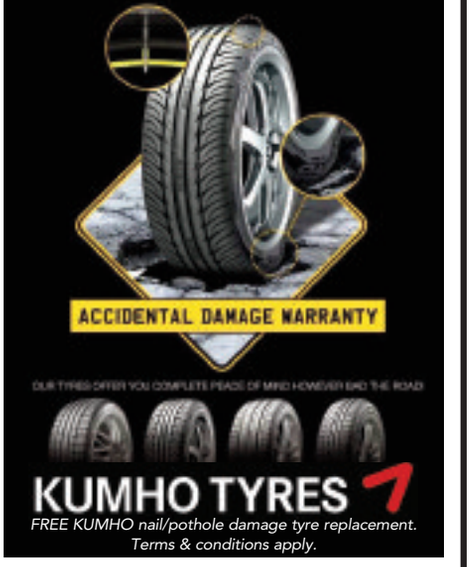

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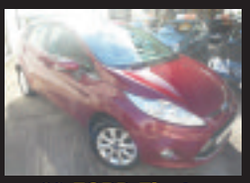

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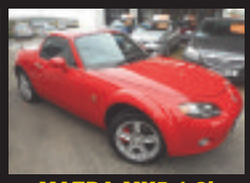

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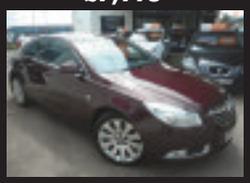

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Black belt delight for JSTKD students

JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness has welcomed five more students to their ever growing list of Black Belt club members.

The most recent students to undertake and pass their Black Belt grading are Lynne Parfitt, Gethin O'Callaghan, Sean Edwards, Emily Doogue and Isla Bailey, who all travelled to Bristol on Sunday, October 16, where they faced a panel of senior TAGB examiners.

The TAGB (Tae Kwon Do Association of GB) is the largest martial arts organisation in the World with over 25,000 members and as you would expect, the standards and expectations for those aiming for their Black Belt is extremely high.

The examinations are only held twice a year - April and October - and require a great deal of commitment from those students who are ready to step up and take the challenge.

The whole thing can take around three hours and those taking part have to display a variety of skills such as executing a number of patterns (their specific grading pattern plus choices from the examiners) sparring and line work and in addition, they are tested on Tae Kwon Do theory.

Each of these elements must be demonstrated to a high level in order to be awarded the much coveted Black Belt.

JSTKD has a number of families who train together and Lynne, Gethin and Sean will be joining their family members who have already attained their Black Belts.

Tae Kwon Do is a great way for all ages and abilities to improve their fitness and anyone who would like to try it for themselves is offered a free taster class. Full details can be found at www.jstkd.co.uk.

Pictured, left to right, are Sean, Emily, Lynne and Isla (Gethin is not pictured).

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GYMNASTS HOOVER UP THE MEDALS IN POOLE

PENARTH Gymnastics Men's Disability members for under-21s and over-21s cleaned up the medals at the Poole Open Disability Competition, taking 14 medals out of the 15 available to them.

The weekend saw the team set off from our gymnastics centre in Ty Verlon Estate, Barry on Saturday for the drive down to Poole in Dorset.

The competition started at 9am Sunday with our team not taking part until after lunch; first to go were the under-21 level 1, the first apparatus being vault with David Melly and Daffyd Williams taking joint silver.

On parallel bars David Melly took the top spot with an excellent performance with Daffyd Williams following closely behind.

In the floor, once again David Melly put in another excellent routine with Daffyd Williams following in silver position.

Then we moved on to the over-21s with all three gymnasts being from Barry.

The first apparatus was floor which saw Gareth Lloyd take the gold with a good clean performance, Kiaran Parsons silver and James Savory in third place.

The vault was won with James Savory taking the gold, Gareth Lloyd the silver and Kiaran Parson finishing in fourth place.

The final apparatus was the parallel bars where Gareth Lloyd took the gold, James Savory silver, and Kiaran Parson bronze in another closely-fought round.

These three men are consistently changing places on every apparatus at every competition they attend and this was no exception, very well done all.

We now return to the Penarth Gymnastics Centre, Ty Verlon Estate, Barry to train for the next competition under the watchful eye of club leader Gywnedd Lingard MBE.

If anyone is interested in taking part in Disability Artistic Gymnastics, please contact Jeff Savory via penarthgymnasticsclub @gmail.com or 0780 316 5581; alternatively, you can call in to our centre, units 2-3, Ty Verlon Estate, Verlon Close, Barry, where disability classes are held Thursdays 5.30--6.30pm and 6-8pm.

Picture above, left to right, are: James Savory, Gareth Lloyd, David Melly, Kiaran Parsons and Daffyd Williams.

Flint's Newton Abbot winner

VALE of Glamorgan trainer John Flint landed the 'Sharp Risk' third in American Grand National Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last Thursday, with his three-year-old bay filly *Khismet* who, under Tom O'Brien, won by four lengths from the fancied *Moulin Rouge*.

Khismet, who was the youngest of the 14 runners in the race, went off at odds of 5-1.

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Bad day for golfing farmers!

THE annual competition between members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society and their golfing friends from the Monmouthshire Farmers' Society was held recently at the well-maintained St Mary's Golf Club near Pencoed.

Having suffered defeat on the last five consecutive occasions, the captain of the home team, Geraint Davies, selected what he thought was a team capable of returning to winning ways.

Despite an atrocious start for the hosts with Mike King and Julian Golunski soundly beaten by Mike Daniel and Peter Harris followed with yet another heavy defeat for Martyn Edwards and Clive Edwards against Martin Richardson and Peter O'Toole, hopes were raised when the next three matches to finish resulted in excellent wins for the Glamorgan team.

Mark Rees, partnered with Dan Jarvis, won their match against Gwyn Jones and Malcolm Francis followed by Jim Hayes and Tony McCarthy who won their match against Andy Gully and Charlie Park.

Further success for Geraint Davies and Trevor Wooding against Tom Price and Rhys Hinton raised the hopes of the Glamorgan team.

Unfortunately, a disappointing defeat for Godfrey Lewis and Arwyn John against Nick Hill and Jonathan Davies followed soon after with another defeat for Martyn David and Brian Jones against Martin Ley and David Griffiths swinging the pendulum back in favour of the visiting team.

Clive Thomas, partnered with neighbouring farmer Raymond Thomas, raised the hopes of the Glamorgan team when easily accounting for Trevor Baker and Bill Thompson.

With the outcome still in the balance the hopes of the Glamorgan team rested on the shoulders of Gwyn Thomas, Robbie Llewellyn, Chris Watson and Aubrey Thomas who were still out on the course.

A drawn match for Chris and Aubrey in their match against John Duthie and John Anstey dashed the hopes of the Glamorgan team, and when Gwyn and Robbie failed to gain the vital win against Gwyn Thomas and John Morgan, the realisation of yet another defeat became a reality.

The final score in favour of the Monmouthshire Farmer's society was 16.5-13.5.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Charlie Park, Martin Richardson, John Duthie, Ray Thomas and Clive Thomas with David Griffiths hitting the longest drive down the selected hole to win the longest drive competition.

Members of the Glamorgan Society are now looking forward to their next monthly meeting scheduled for today visiting St Pierre Golf Club near Chepstow to compete for the Sigma3 Trophy generously sponsored by Mr Brian Lakin.

T.McC

Barry and District ladies' skittle league

THE latest results for the Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for October 10 are as follows:

Division 1: Space Finders (J Snooks 32) 330, SW Gals (D German 34) 312; Red Admiral (S Clements 30) 244, Pila Palas (D O'Sullivan 26) 228; Family Affair (S Wilson 28) 215, Barry Stars (W Phillips 23) 210; Bobby's Girls (N Toogood 29) 283, Coppers (J Williams 27) 263; Cigar Ladies (L Webb 32) 285, Colcot Ladies (C Fenton 27) 251; Allsorts (Jenny Jones 26) 261, Special Angels (K Hilberg 267) 232.

Division 2: Clickies (M Thomas 34) 286, Castle Bandits (C Kerslake 33) 278; Breakaways (N Smith 33) 295, Roller Coaster (M Pratt 28) 271; After Eights (M Connibear 29) 271, Cad Con Fillies (V Heard, J Clements 30) 301; Fallen Angels (J Tudor, K McInery, C Phillips) 251, Witchill Widows (M McKinney 27) 230; Castaway (D Rogers 30) 287, Rhoose Starlights (A White 32) 273; Merry Makers (R Collins 22) 188, Witchill Weebles (S Greenwell 22) 161.

Division 3: LA Belles (A Chick, J Cordy 33) 348, Little Devils (S Jones 32) 303; Rugby Triers (J Gough, C Jenkins 26) 220, Rebels (S Oram 25) 227; Witches (Y Curnow 28) 232, Challengers (T Williams, J Dimond, B Binding 25) 235; Etcetera (R Dyke 29) 250, SV Ladies (S Holden 32) 226; Twilights (S Boulton 24) 216, Westenders (J Somers, M Condon 24) 229.

Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was goals galore in the Vale league this weekend with 65 goals being scored in the nine games played, averaging seven goals a game!

Only one game in the Premier Division as the majority were competing in the SWFA Intermediate Cup. Penarth Town got a 2-1 win over recently in form Island Marine; the win puts Town second making their game next weekend with Vale United a top of the table clash.

In Division One, Barry Belgrade stayed top as they were victorious over bottom side Glenbrook 7-2. FC Pumas stay a point behind Belgrade, Pumas edged out Cadoxton Athletic 4-3.

Third place Barry Athletic B were stunned losing 7-2 to reigning champion Cogan Coronation, who move up to fifth. Dockers got their second league win of the season, beating Cardiff Airport B 5-3.

Division Two saw a shock result as Barry Saints suffered only their second league defeat of the season as Island Marine B ran out 6-5 winners in a thriller.

The result sees Barry Saints drop to third as BVFC go second after a 3-3 draw with current penultimate team Rhoose B.

These results were good news for seemingly unstoppable league leaders Cadoxton Imps as they thrashed St Athan B 6-0 to go five points clear at the top and continue their 100 per cent record.

Finally in the league Barry Albion ended a run of seven games without a win as they defeated bottom side FC Pumas 4-2.

In the aforementioned SWFA Intermediate Cup, several Vale clubs were in action and victorious. Vale United won 4-1 over old rivals from the Bridgend League Broadlands FC.

Barry Athletic unfortunately lost out to old foes too as last season's Vale champions Cardiff Airport, now of the SWFA Alliance League, won 4-2.

St Athan edged out Cardiff & District club Tongwynlais 1-0 to book a place in the third round, while Rhoose won against Cardiff opposition too Cathays Cons 2-1 after extra time.

Cowbridge Town made the trip to Mountain Ash to play Perthcelyn and came away with a 3-1 victory. Dinas Powys Athletic unfortunately were heavily beaten 10-1 by Fairwater.

This week is a massive weekend in the Vale League with several key games being played on Super Saturday.

In the Premiership it's the top two as Vale United host Penarth Town, third play fifth as St Athan welcome Barry Athletic, fourth placed Cowbridge play sixth place Island Marine, seventh place Dinas Athletic play eighth place Rhoose and finally the bottom two Tynewydd face Masons Moving Group. A key weekend in the Premier Division.

In the Division One it's another top of the table clash as Barry Belgrade and FC Pumas collide and third place Barry Athletic B play fourth place SP Billy, fifth place Cogan play sixth place Cadoxton Athletic. In Division Two second place BVFC host third place Barry Saints.

HD

Great turnout for athletics club

WHAT a fantastic day at Bridgend for the Barry & Vale Athletics Club.

An amazing turnout of 36 athletes all competing for the first cross country of the year. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.

Special mention for Saxon Arthur-Dyer who came 15th and Moli Lyon who improved her placing from 33rd last year to 25th.

Thank you to all the athletes, coaches and parents for making this possible.

Placings: Owen Thomas 93, Matthew Down 77, Sean McLoughlin 77 (under-13), Eloise Goffin 96 (novice girls), Thomas Caldon 109, Rosie Day 74 (under-11), Harrison Day 70 (under-13), Alfie Christoforato 89, Ella Lyons 84, Moli Lyons 25, Ben Ray 34 (under-13), Evie Watkins 33 (under-13), Saxon Arthur-Dyer 15 (under-15), Olivia Browning 75 (under-11), Bethan Wrigley 78, Lydia Milward 55, Daniel Barry 80, Connie Shah 58.

The next Gwent League is on Saturday, November 12 in Brecon.

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HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW WIN FOR MADDIE

MADISON Louise Dalley, a year-8 pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School had a fantastic result at Horse of The Year Show (HOYS) on Saturday, October 8.

Madison has been competing on show ponies since the age of four, and during the past eight years she has competed across the UK, achieving wins at many prestigious shows such as The Royal Welsh and The Royal International Show at Hickstead.

Madison has competed at HOYS on five occasions and her family were over the moon when she was placed second out of a class of 30 in 2014 riding her first ridden mountain and moorland pony, *Treowen Rhys*, who was bred by Ann Rees of the Treowen Stud in Trehyngyll.

This year, Madison went one better, winning the 138cm show pony class on her pony *Archwood Romeo Giggle* (*Jack*).

This is a fantastic achievement to win at the most prestigious horse show in the world.

Maddie and Jack.

Cowbridge RFC fall short in absorbing encounter

COWBRIDGE first XV entertained Tylorstown last Saturday and in an absorbing match lost 15-22.

Tylorstown are fifth in the league with a game in hand so would probably lie third. The early pressure came from the visitors with a strong scrum, their tight head being close to 20 stone.

Despite some superb defending the prop finished a series of drives by crashing over for an unconverted try.

At the midpoint a lineout followed by their hooker moving the ball infield resulted in Tylorstown's scrum half darting over for a converted try.

Minutes later only a great last ditch tackle by wing Freddie Harries prevented a certain try. Then Cowbridge's problems increased with a yellow card for lively scrum half Hywel Williams.

Taking advantage Tylorstown scored their third try through a pickup at the scrum from their no 8 and things looked ominous.

But Cowbridge got their first points from a penalty kick by outside half Alex Guard. Although down to 14, Cowbridge were on the attack and Guard brought a Scott Williams like 'rip of the ball' and set off 40 metres out to cross for a try that he converted. The half-time score was a very respectable 10-17.

Kieran David hurt his back being tackled in the air and had to leave the field. Connor Wyatt replaced him and went on to have a storming game.

After five minutes Tylorstown's big prop went off only to be replaced by a marginally smaller version. There was a beautifully judged interception by prop Sam Richards and the ball was moved to the right and centre Will Williams ran in a try from 30 metres. At 15-17 Tylorstown were getting nervy, but they did have a savvy second row and very quick full back.

With 15 minutes to go Tylorstown got their fourth try with another one from a forward, their hooker.

The last 15 minutes were nip and tuck and wing James Phillips showed he could easily beat a man but another try was just too much.

This was a superb team effort with Cowbridge probably fielding nine players aged 20 or under. These early games have been a steep learning curve against strong forwards and good defences but the team is getting stronger.

They have a great commitment and a never say die attitude that will win games ahead. Some of their tackling was ferocious and there are skills aplenty.

The youth had a fine win against Aberdare several positions above them in the league.

Showing their attacking skills initially they to defend manfully in the later stages and they ran out winners by 28-0.

There were tries for Max Cunnington, Joe Davies and Jac Roberts, while Ioan Lewis weighed in with two conversions and three penalties.

Both teams now have a break with the first XV in action next on November 12 away to Old Pens.

Please note the Bonfire Night at the club will be November 4 with the fireworks due to start at 7pm - no sparklers please.

Good luck to Wales this autumn. The tests will provide different challenges with none of them easy.

The club is looking to provide a club coach for the first game against Australia but only if there is enough interest, probably leaving at 12.15pm for 2.30pm kick-off, so members are asked to put names on the board as soon as possible to gauge viability.

RV/RK

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, October 18, the first rounds of the Mixed Doubles knockout competition were played. The host pubs were the Six Bells Inn and the Victoria Inn.

At the Six Bells Inn the winning pairs going through to the semi-finals, to be played on November 29, were Steve Simmonite and Trish Kinman (Edmondes A) and Tony Gratton and Lisa Gratton (Six Bells Inn).

It was a good darts night for Tony Gratton, as he also hit the highest out, 78; Joan Burt (Red Lion) almost joined the 180 club, hitting a 160.

At the Victoria Inn it was a full evening of darts; no high outs, double-one the most popular and almost all the matches went to three legs.

At this venue it was Rhys Jury and Lynda Smith (Edmondes A) and Tony Fox and Pam Adams, Owen Carter (Farmers Arms) who made it through to play in the semi-finals.

The league standings, remaining unchanged, are: Edmondes B (32 points), Six Bells Inn (30), Edmondes A (27), Highwayman Inn (26), Edmondes C and Farmer's Arms (23), Hairy Farmers (22), Llanharry (21), Victoria Inn (17) and Red Lion (4).

Next week (Tuesday, November 1) a full programme of league matches will be played. The Edmondes C hosts the Hairy Farmers, the Llanharry Workingmen's Club hosts the Edmondes B, the Victoria Inn hosts the Six Bells Inn, the Edmondes A hosts the Red Lion Inn and the Farmers Arms hosts the Highwayman Inn.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Under-11s turn on the style in the west!

COWBRIDGE under-11s travelled west this week to pitch themselves against their hosts for the day, Morriston RFC.

Cowbridge initially entered a well-matched contest with the hosts from the West, conceding an early score after a slow first five minutes but fighting back to get into their stride by half-time.

A second half display witnessed Cowbridge turn on the style and completely dominate their opposition running out comfortable winners in the contest with the eventual tally reaching 12-2 to Cowbridge.

A highly impressive debut from Ollie Stancombe saw a hat-trick of tries run in against the opposition. Three excellent tries from Josh Canning with powerful running from the backline added to the offensive prowess of Cowbridge.

Two tries from Owen Francis and one each from Paddy Whitestone and Harry Smith rounded off the display from the backs.

Not wanting to miss out on the scoring action and having worked tirelessly at the breakdown the forwards joined the party, tries were scored by Sam Jackson from second row and Jimmy Williams from the front row.

With the half-term school holiday on the horizon and a number of players un-available for selection the strength and depth of the squad is clear to see with new players coming into the squad and pushing for places within the team.

The try scorers get the column inches in write-ups such as these; however the success of the team can be witnessed from the well-disciplined positional play, hard work at the ruck area and the defensive efforts during the game such as those witnessed in festival and tournament 'big-games' and each week home and away. A superb display of rugby again.

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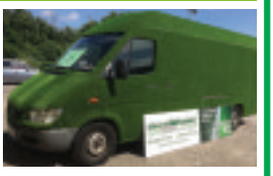

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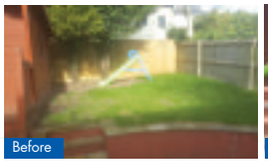

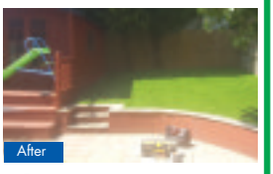

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